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Once the star recruit of the media sensation super-team THIRD GEN, **JACK XAVER** had it all. But controversy sent **CROSSJACK** crawling back to his mom and dad's basement in the Midwest. Jack's descent into self pity was cut short when the murder of his archenemy, The Hodag, threw him back into action. But now without the Crossjack costume, and legally barred from using his trademark shield and powers, Jack finds himself in a fight to the death against his mentor CAMO CRUSADER, and ultimately discovers a conspiracy in his own backyard to utilize new hero recruits as fodder for superhuman power harvesting... a conspiracy Jack is unaware is being perpetrated by his ex girlfriend, INGA BUCHOLTZ.

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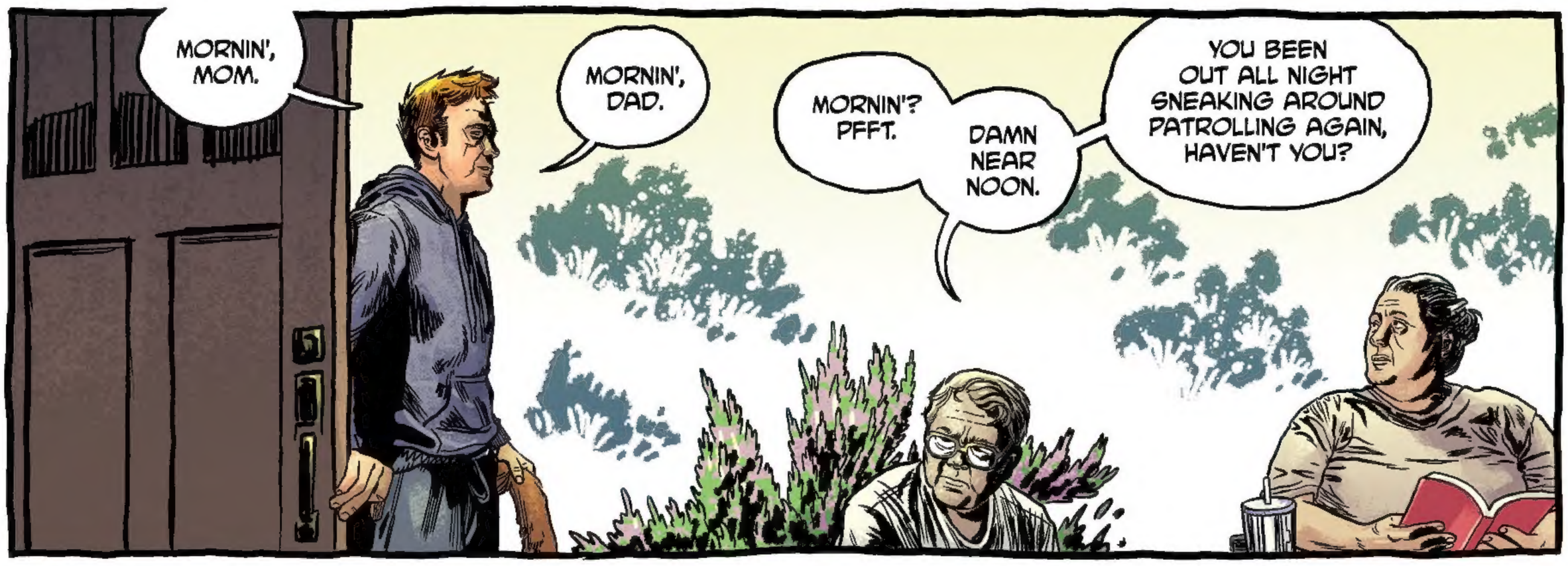
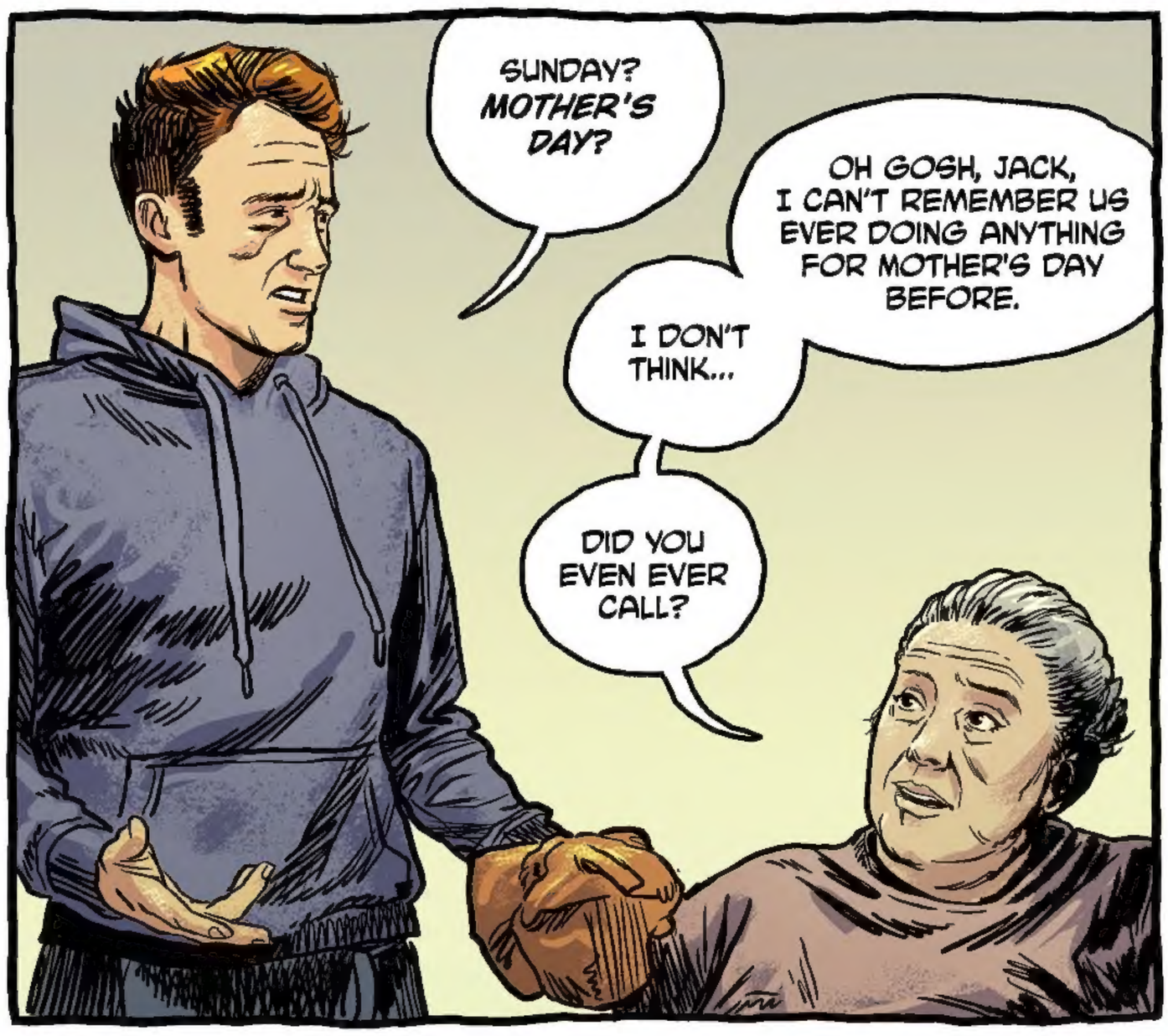
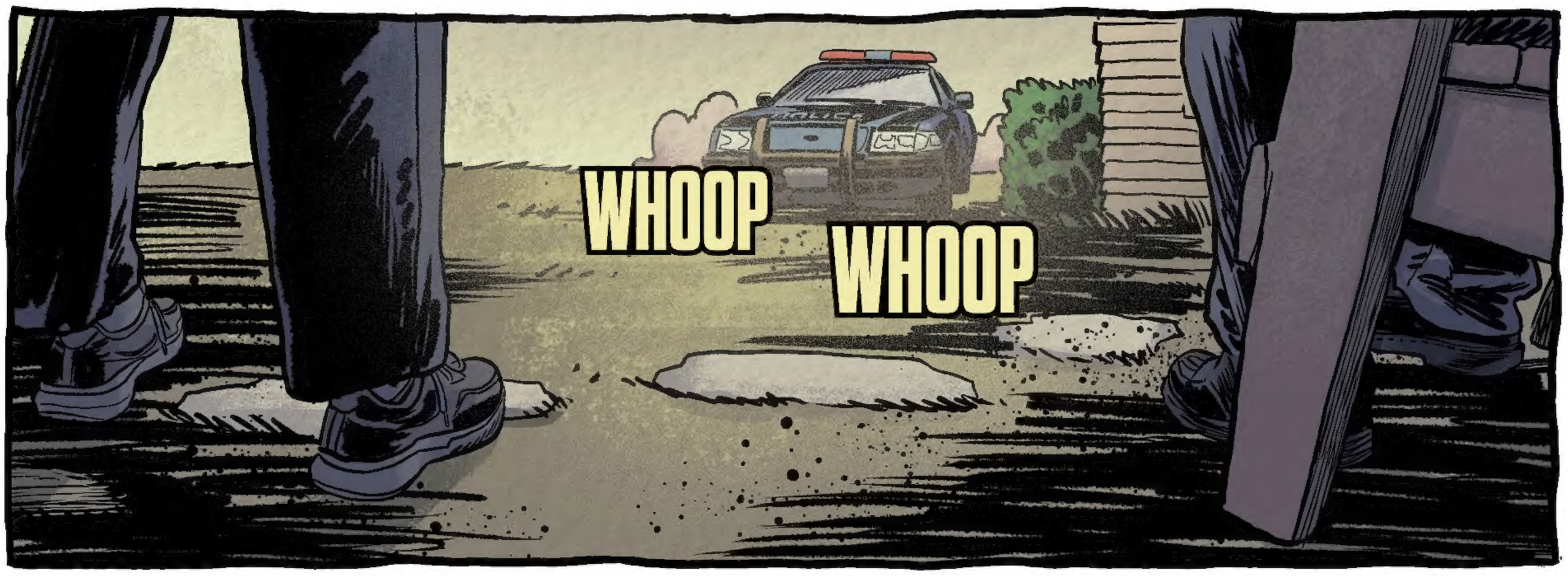
THE XAVER HOME.
FARMINGTON, WISCONSIN.


MORNIN', MOM.
MORNIN', DAD.
MORNIN'? PFFT.
DAMN NEAR NOON.
YOU BEEN OUT ALL NIGHT SNEAKING AROUND PATROLLING AGAIN, HAVEN'T YOU?

I FIGURED I'D FIGHT CRIME ON FRIDAY, SO I COULD TAKE MOM OUT EARLY FOR HER SPECIAL DAY TOMORROW.
WHAT'S THAT NOW?


SUNDAY? *MOTHER'S DAY?*
OH GOSH, JACK, I CAN'T REMEMBER US EVER DOING ANYTHING FOR MOTHER'S DAY BEFORE.
I DON'T THINK...
DID YOU EVEN EVER CALL?

WELL, I'M TRYING TO DO BETTER. I'LL GO TO CHURCH WITH YOU.
WE CAN GET BREAKFAST TOO.
THE WHOLE THING, MOM.
I'LL BELIEVE IT WHEN I SEE IT.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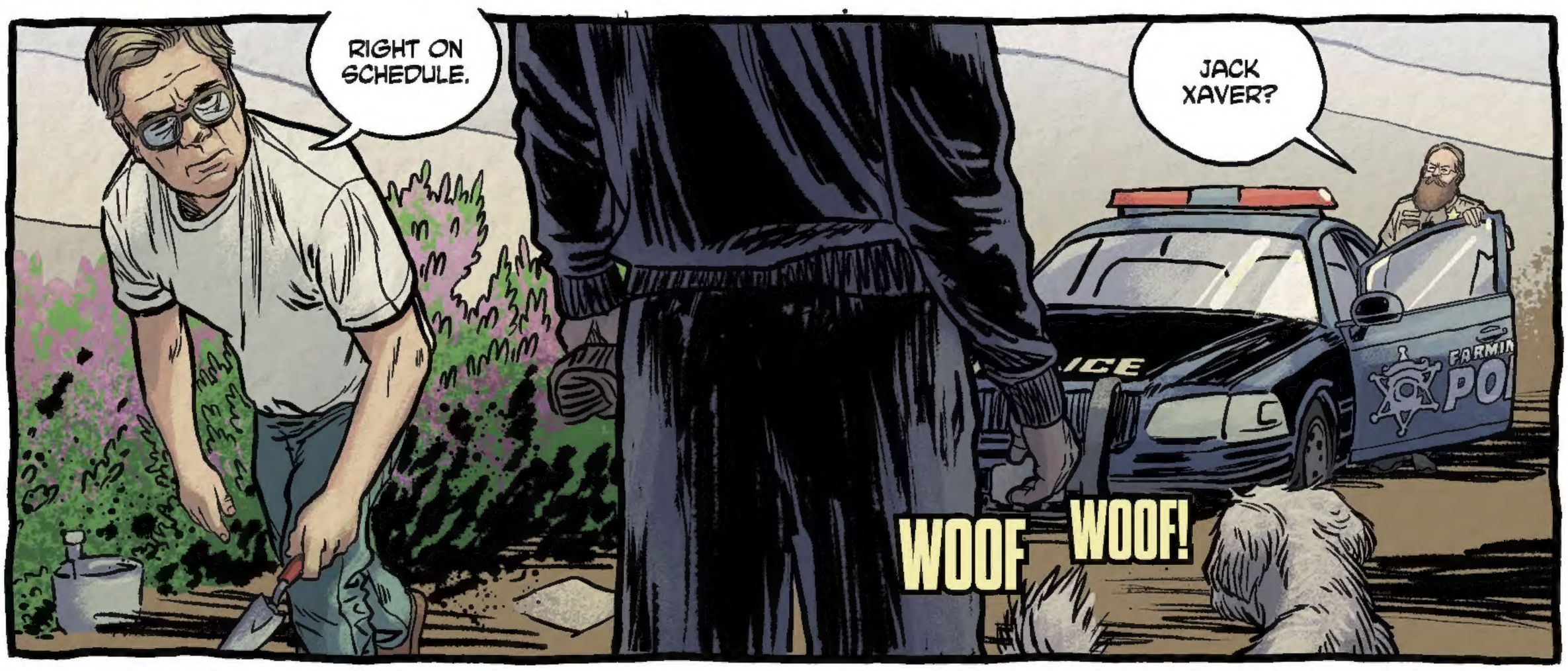
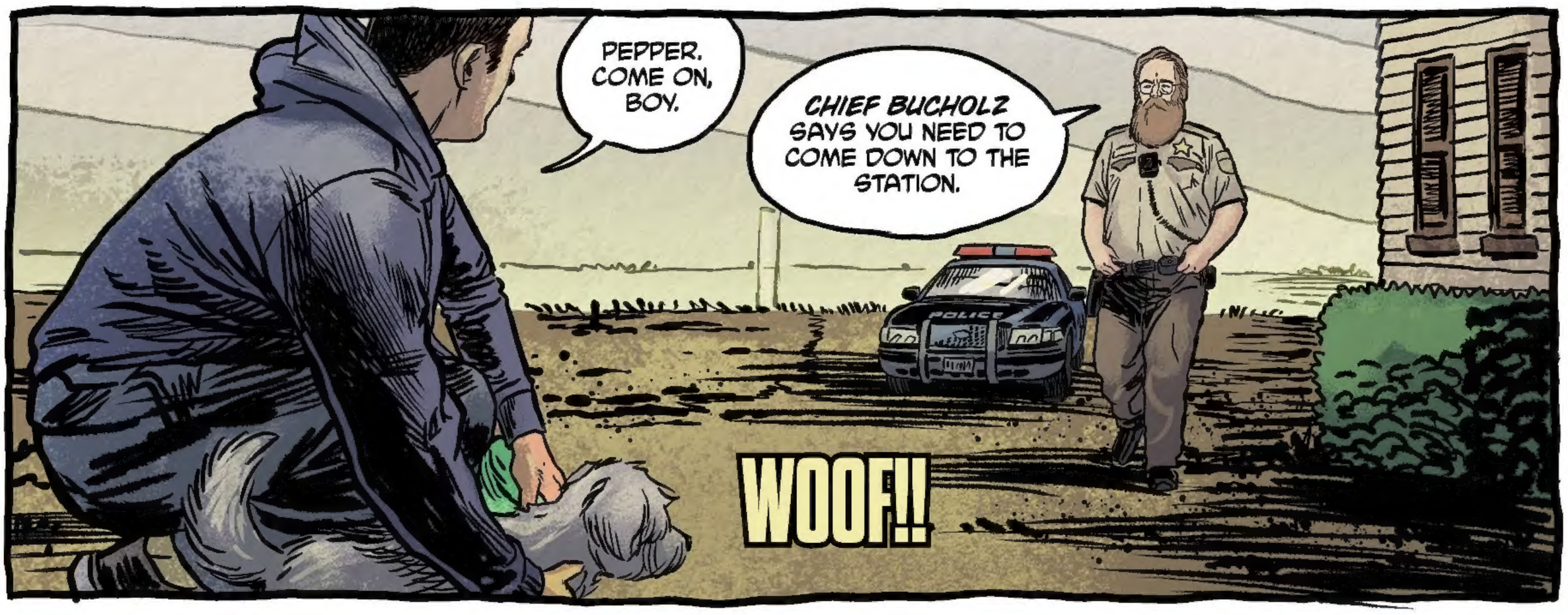
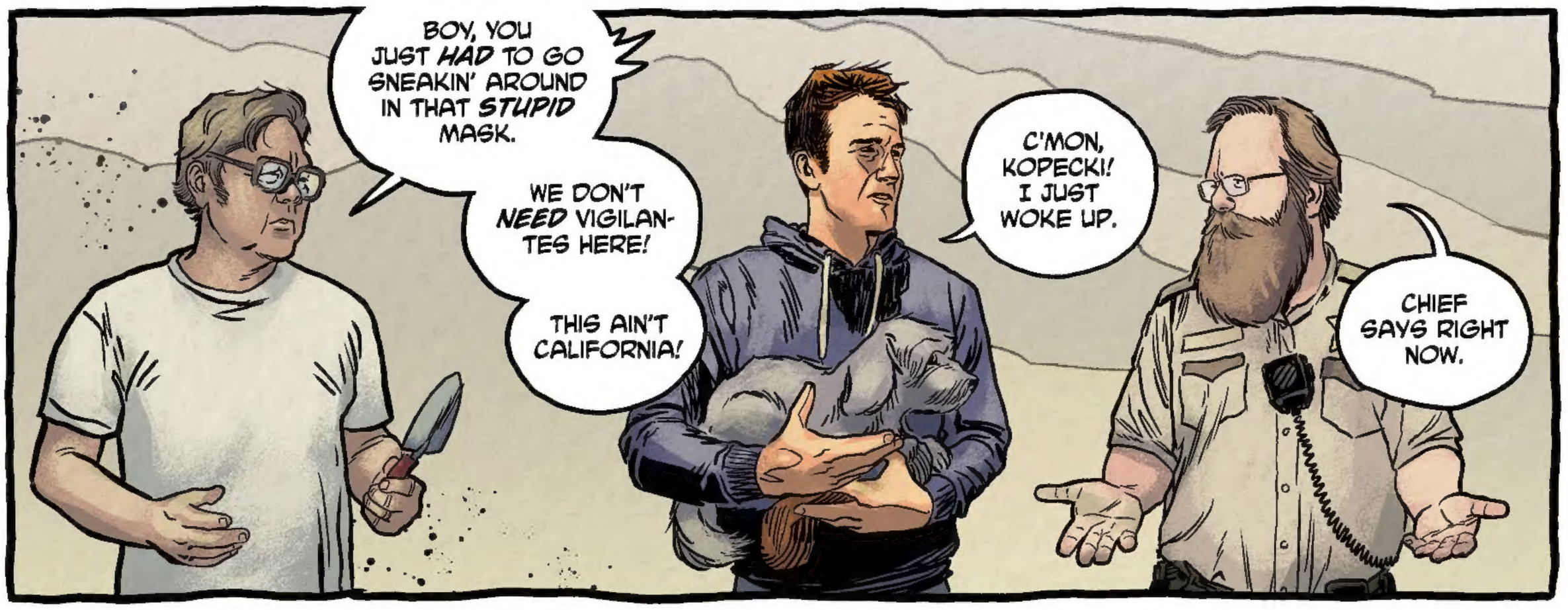
WHOOP


RIGHT ON SCHEDULE.
JACK XAVER?
WOOF
WOOF!

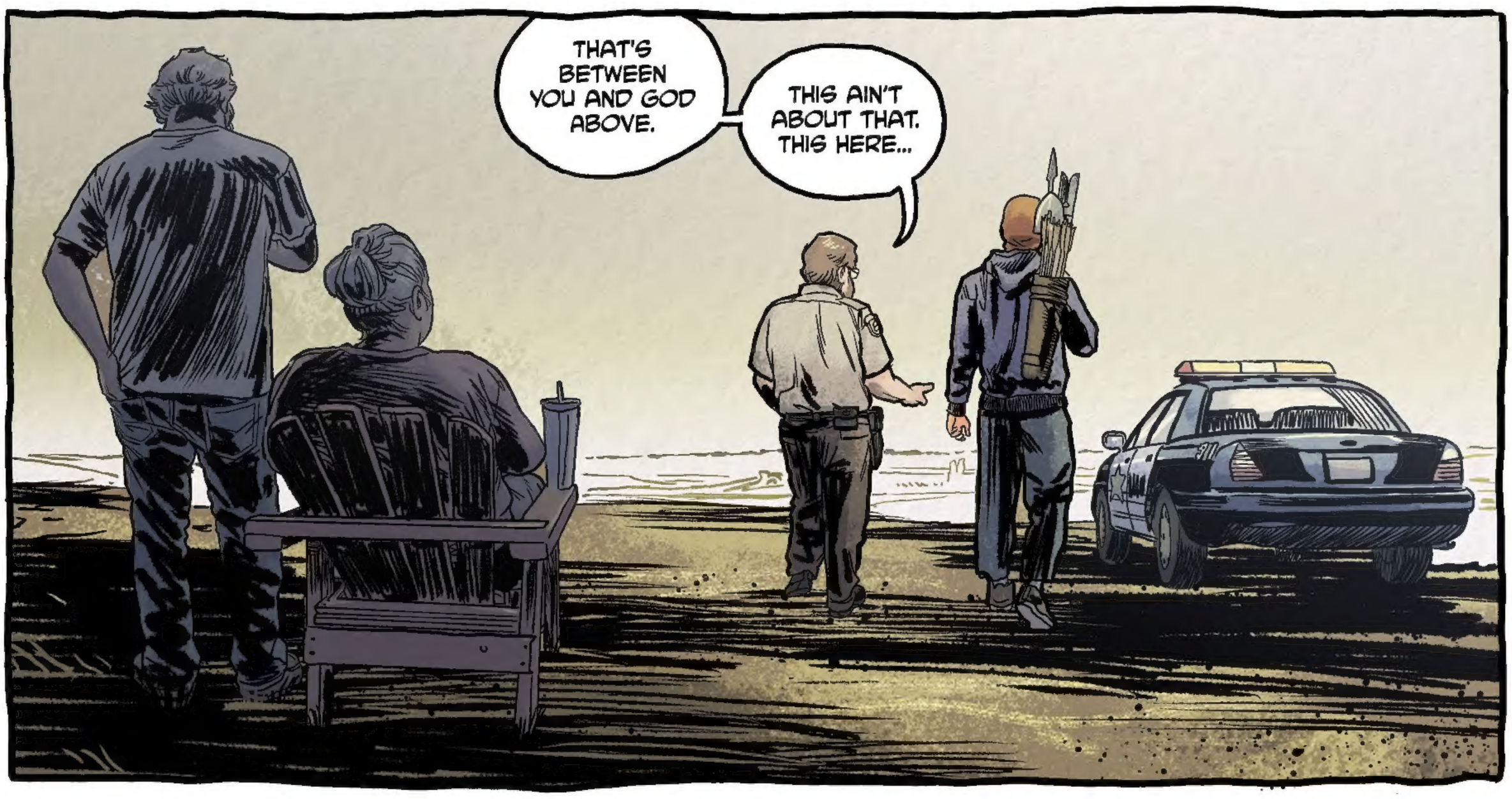

PEPPER. COME ON, BOY.
CHIEF BUCHOLZ SAYS YOU NEED TO COME DOWN TO THE STATION.
WOOF!!


BOY, YOU JUST *HAD* TO GO SNEAKIN' AROUND IN THAT *STUPID* MASK.
WE DON'T *NEED* VIGILANTES HERE!
THIS AIN'T CALIFORNIA!
C'MON, KOPECKI! I JUST WOKE UP.
CHIEF SAYS RIGHT NOW.

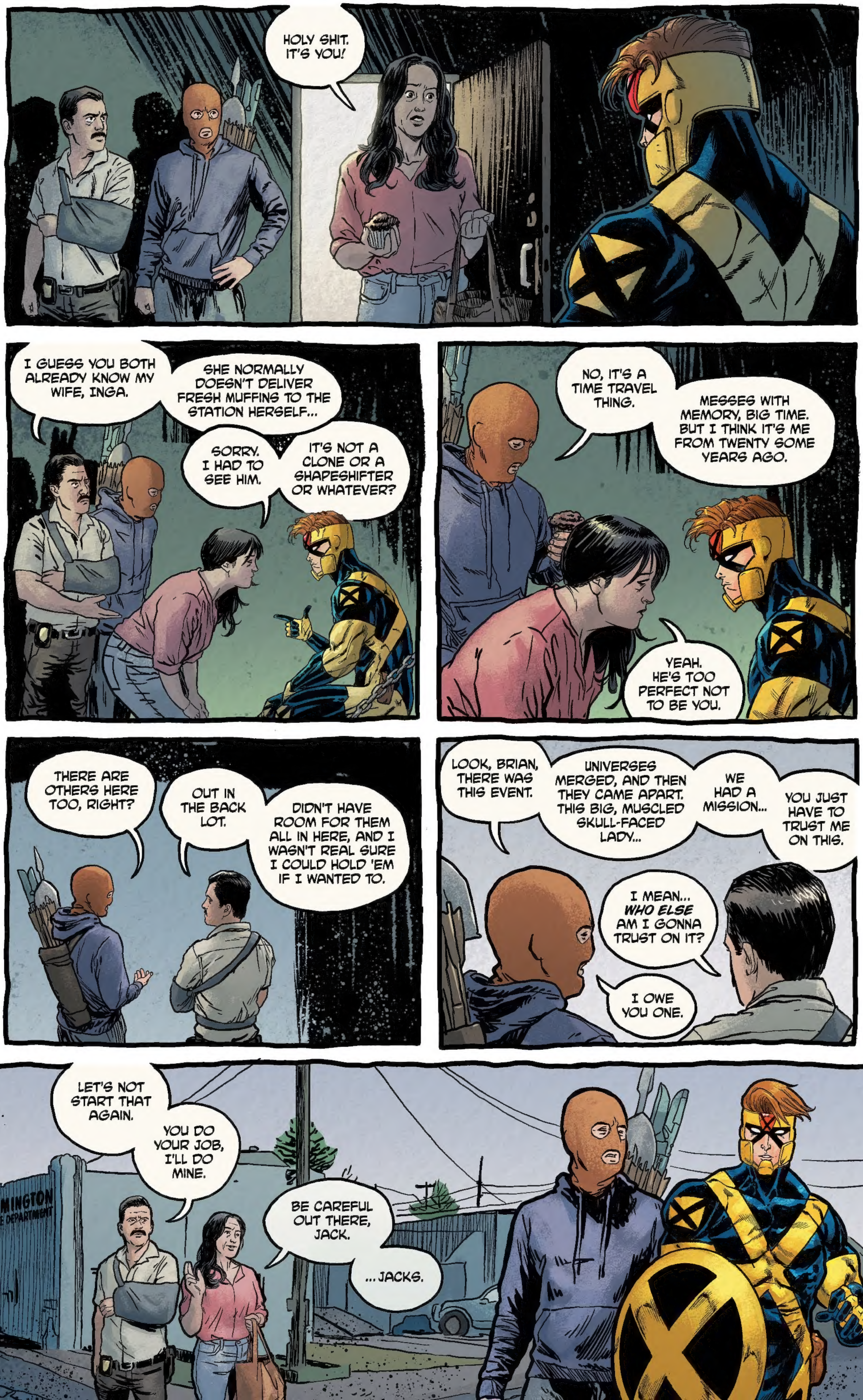
PEPPER. STAY THIS TIME.
I'M SERIOUS.

STAY.

LOOK, IF THIS IS MORE CAMO CRUSADER STUFF...
WHATEVER YOU THINK ABOUT ME, CHIEF BRIAN AND I HAVE A THING, OKAY?
HIS DEATH, AND ALL THAT, IT'S--
YAH YAH.


THAT'S BETWEEN YOU AND GOD ABOVE.
THIS AIN'T ABOUT THAT. THIS HERE...

"THIS IS ABOUT YOU."
YOU DON'T SEEM REAL SURPRISED.
NO.
NO, I THINK I KNOW WHAT THIS IS.
HEY, I BROUGHT MUFFIN--

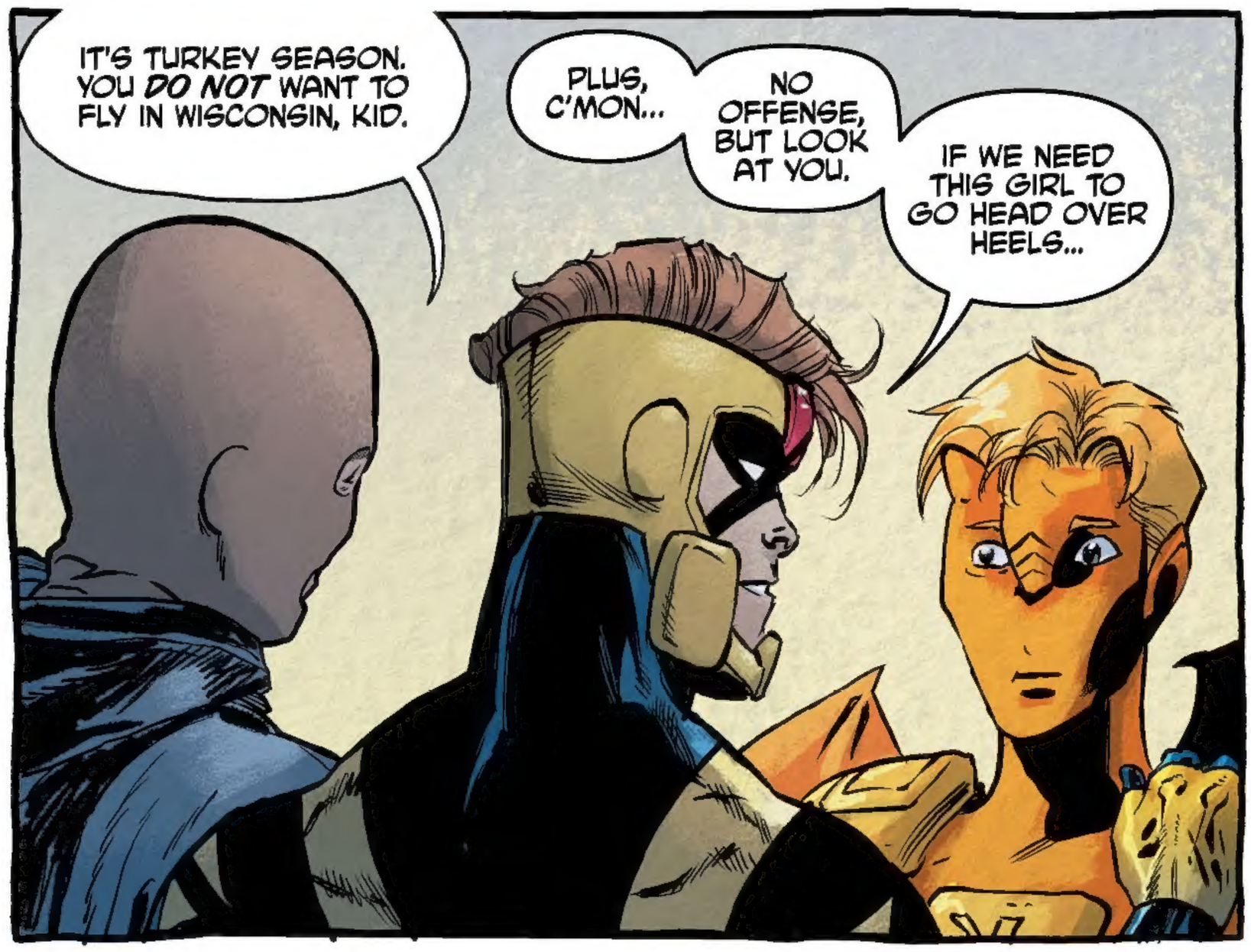

HOLY SHIT. IT'S YOU!
I GUESS YOU BOTH ALREADY KNOW MY WIFE, INGA.
SHE NORMALLY DOESN'T DELIVER FRESH MUFFINS TO THE STATION HERSELF...
SORRY. I HAD TO SEE HIM.
IT'S NOT A CLONE OR A SHAPESHIFTER OR WHATEVER?
NO, IT'S A TIME TRAVEL THING.
MESSES WITH MEMORY, BIG TIME. BUT I THINK IT'S ME FROM TWENTY SOME YEARS AGO.
YEAH. HE'S TOO PERFECT NOT TO BE YOU.
THERE ARE OTHERS HERE TOO, RIGHT?
OUT IN THE BACK LOT.
DIDN'T HAVE ROOM FOR THEM ALL IN HERE, AND I WASN'T REAL SURE I COULD HOLD 'EM IF I WANTED TO.
LOOK, BRIAN, THERE WAS THIS EVENT.
UNIVERSES MERGED, AND THEN THEY CAME APART. THIS BIG, MUSCLED SKULL-FACED LADY...
WE HAD A MISSION...
YOU JUST HAVE TO TRUST ME ON THIS.
I MEAN... WHO ELSE AM I GONNA TRUST ON IT?
I OWE YOU ONE.
LET'S NOT START THAT AGAIN.
YOU DO YOUR JOB, I'LL DO MINE.
BE CAREFUL OUT THERE, JACK.
...JACKS.
FARMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

THAT'S ME UNDER THAT MASK, ISN'T IT? ME OF THE FUTURE?
YEAH. IT'S ME.
THIRD GEN'S LAWYERS START MAKING TROUBLE IF I'M SEEN IN COSTUME. YOU SHOULD--
MAN, MY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLFRIEND IS *STILL* CHECKING ME OUT!
ARE-- ARE YOU *STILL* BANGING HER?!
SHE'S MARRIED TO--
DUDE. SHUT THE FUCK--
THAT'S ALL OF US THEN.
FIREBREATHER
PHEW. GLAD YOU ALL MADE IT.
GUYS, THIS OLD CREEP IS ME FROM THE FUTURE.
ME, I'M SURE YOU REMEMBER...
STRYKER
JESSE SANCHEZ, Street Angel
SCRAP FROM DYNAMO 5
BOOF
THIS PLACE SMELLS LIKE SHEEP FUDGE.
OK, SO WE GOT TOSSED INTO THE FUTURE. IF WE WANT OUR UNIVERSE TO SURVIVE THE WAR TO COME, WE NEED TO SQUASH ANY ANOMALIES HERE AND HUSTLE BACK TO OUR OWN TIME ON THE DOUBLE. EVERY UNIT HAS A MISSION.
RIPCLAW'S TEAM HAS TO STOP *DAMIEN DARKLORD*. WHAT'D THE SUPREME GUY GIVE US, CAPTAIN?
TEMPORAL STATIC AIN'T HELPING...
...BUT MY CYBER-COM* SAYS THERE'S A TIME FOLDER ABOUT TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY MILES DUE NORTH OF HERE IN A...
THIS CAN'T BE RIGHT...
*CYBERNETIC-COMMUNICATION IMPLANT.

"...IN A WAL-MART?"
I CAN HELP WHO'S NEXT.
"CYBER-COM SAYS SHE REBOOTS TIME EVERY TIME SHE FALLS IN LOVE..."

IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE DOING NOW, IN THE FUTURE?
ROMANCE-TIME TRAVELERS?
I MEAN...
IS THAT ANY SILLIER THAN A FOUR-ARMED MUTANT CYBER MERCENARY?
WATCH YOURSELF, KID.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY MILES IS NO PROBLEM.
OLD MAN JACK HERE CAN JUST CALL UP A GENJET AND---
ACTUALLY, IT'S A LONG STORY, BUT I CAN'T.
I CAN FLY PRETTY FAST.
WHY DON'T I JUST FLY UP AHEAD, FIND THIS GIRL...
I COULD ROMANCE HER. AND...

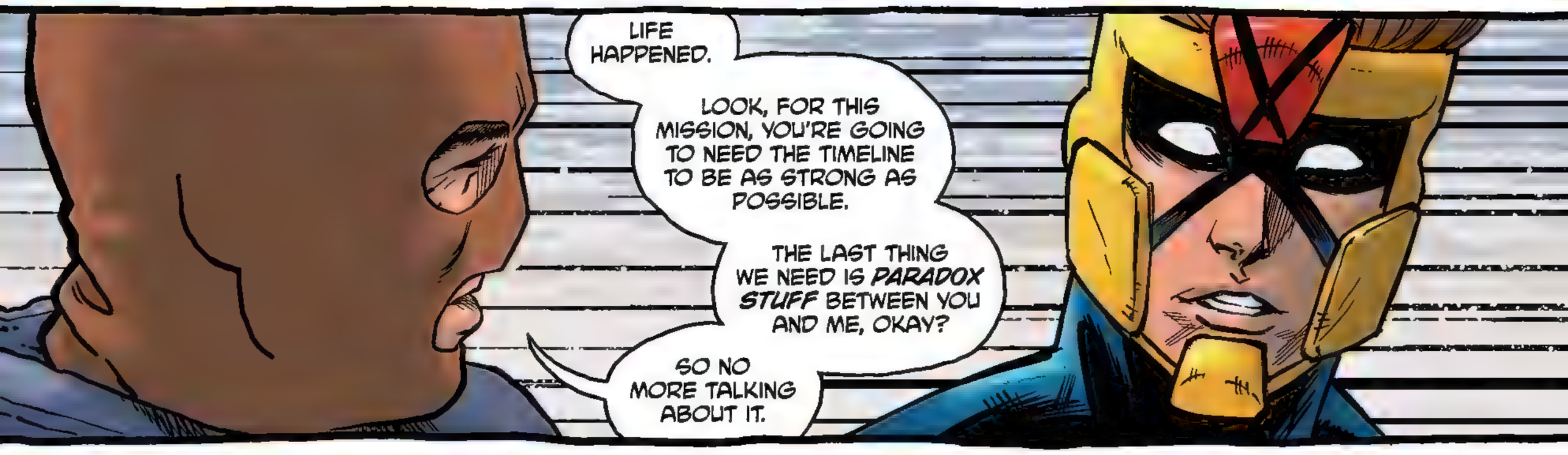

IT'S TURKEY SEASON. YOU DO NOT WANT TO FLY IN WISCONSIN, KID.
PLUS, C'MON...
NO OFFENSE, BUT LOOK AT YOU.
IF WE NEED THIS GIRL TO GO HEAD OVER HEELS...

...IT'S GOTTA BE ME, RIGHT?
OH...

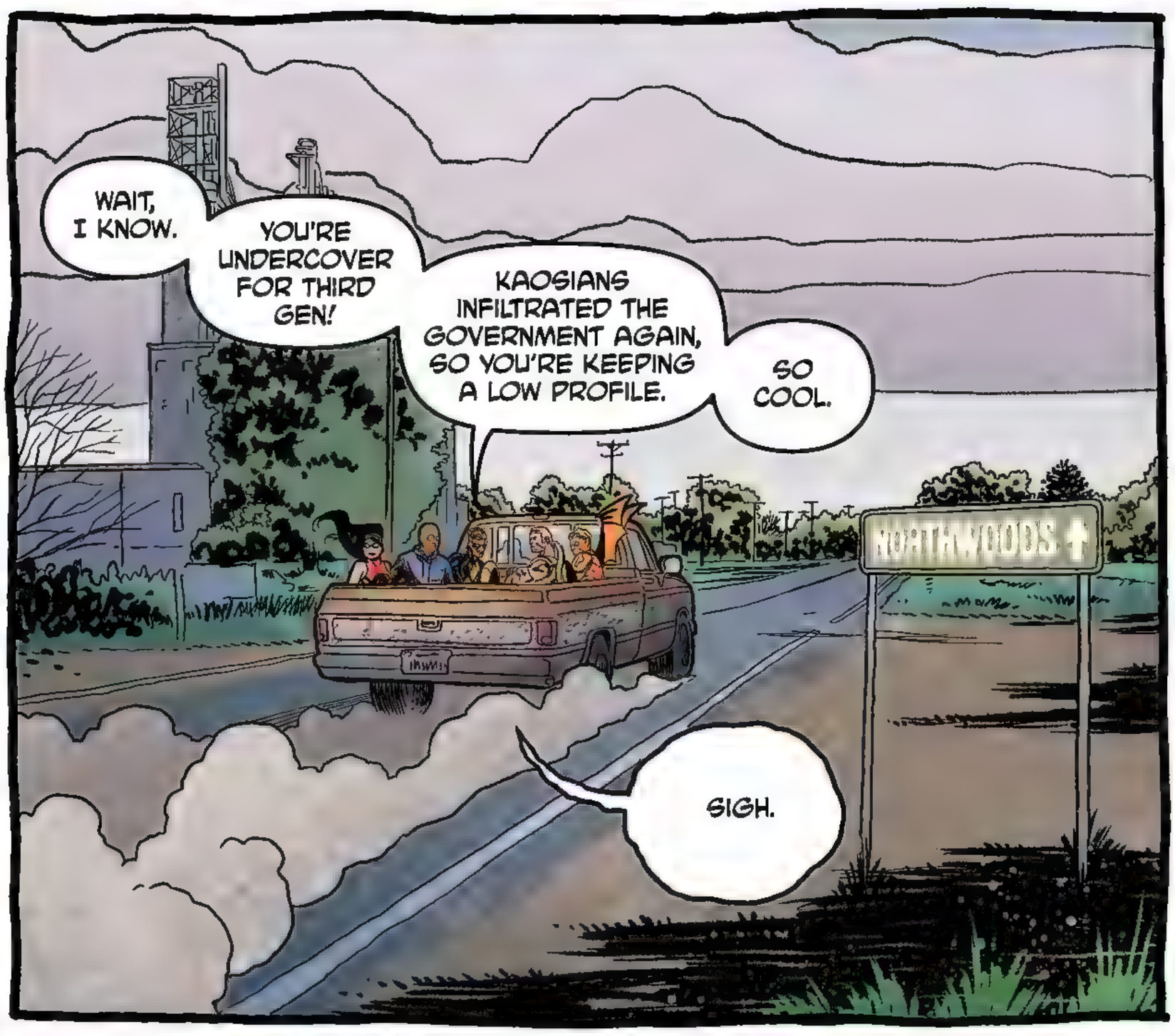
JACK XAVER?
WOAH, WHERE'D THIS GUY COME FROM?
DID THIRDGEN SEND--
I CALLED HIM FROM AN APP ON MY PHONE.
THIS FUTURE IS AMAZING.
IS IT?
THEY INVENTED TAXIS.
LET ME KNOW WHEN HE CALLS UP A SPACE-SHIP.
I HAD A SPACE SHIP.
OH, YOU DID NOT!
HOLD ON, XAVER!
I DON'T CARE WHAT THE FARE IS...
...I'M NOT GETTING INTO ANY MORE WEIRDO SUPERHERO SHIT WITH YOU!
FUCK CROSS--
WACK!
GAH!
I'M DRIVING. YOU WANNA CO-PILOT?
FRICK YEAH!
SKILLIN' N' THRILLIN'!

SONNOVABITCH--!
EAT SHIT, RETARD!
JESUS.
WE'RE SORRY!

DUDE, YOU CAN'T CALL PEOPLE RETARD.
OW! WHY!?
AND WHY ARE YOU BACK IN FARMINGTON OF ALL PLACES?
WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?


LIFE HAPPENED.
LOOK, FOR THIS MISSION, YOU'RE GOING TO NEED THE TIMELINE TO BE AS STRONG AS POSSIBLE.
THE LAST THING WE NEED IS PARADOX STUFF BETWEEN YOU AND ME, OKAY?
SO NO MORE TALKING ABOUT IT.

IN THE MEANTIME, THOUGH, CAN YOU JUST BE, I DUNNO... LESS "YOU"?
LESS US.
NO. I'M NOT LIKE YOU.

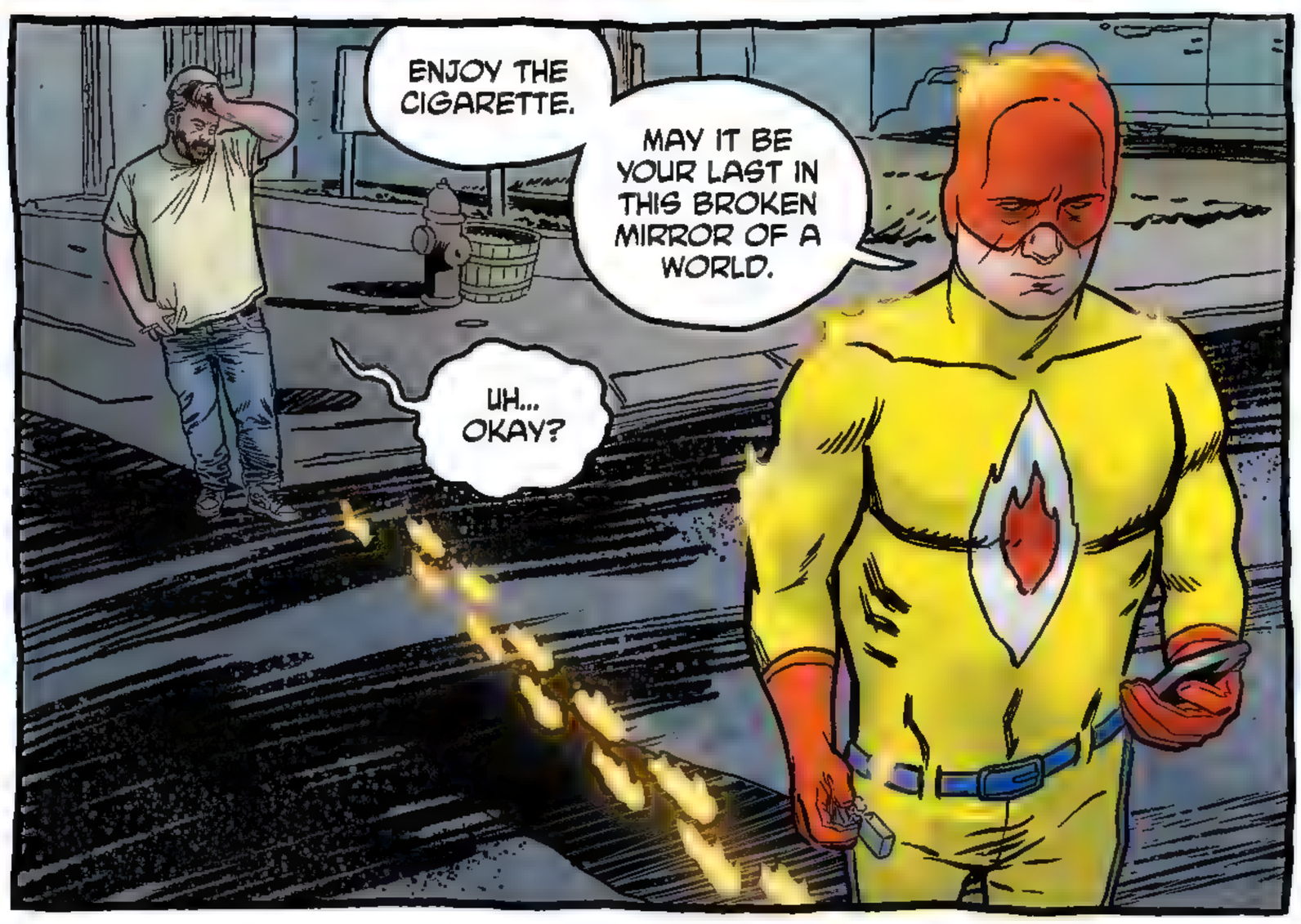

WAIT, I KNOW.
YOU'RE UNDERCOVER FOR THIRD GEN!
KAOSIANS INFILTRATED THE GOVERNMENT AGAIN, SO YOU'RE KEEPING A LOW PROFILE.
SO COOL.
NORTHWOODS
SIGH.

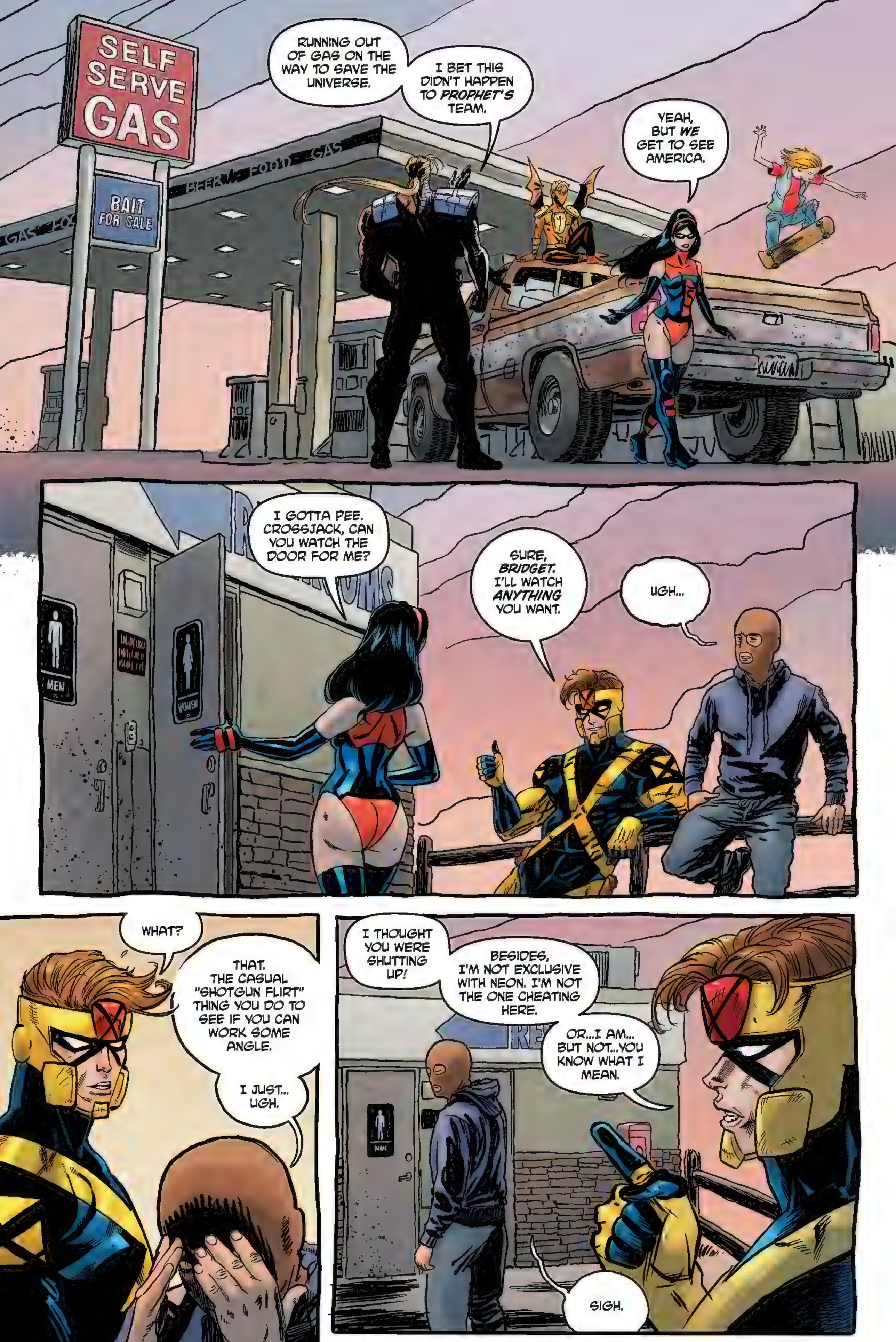
HNH.
WELL, AT LEAST THE METER'S STILL RUNNING.
FARMINGTO
POLICE DEPARTM
POLICE
POLICE

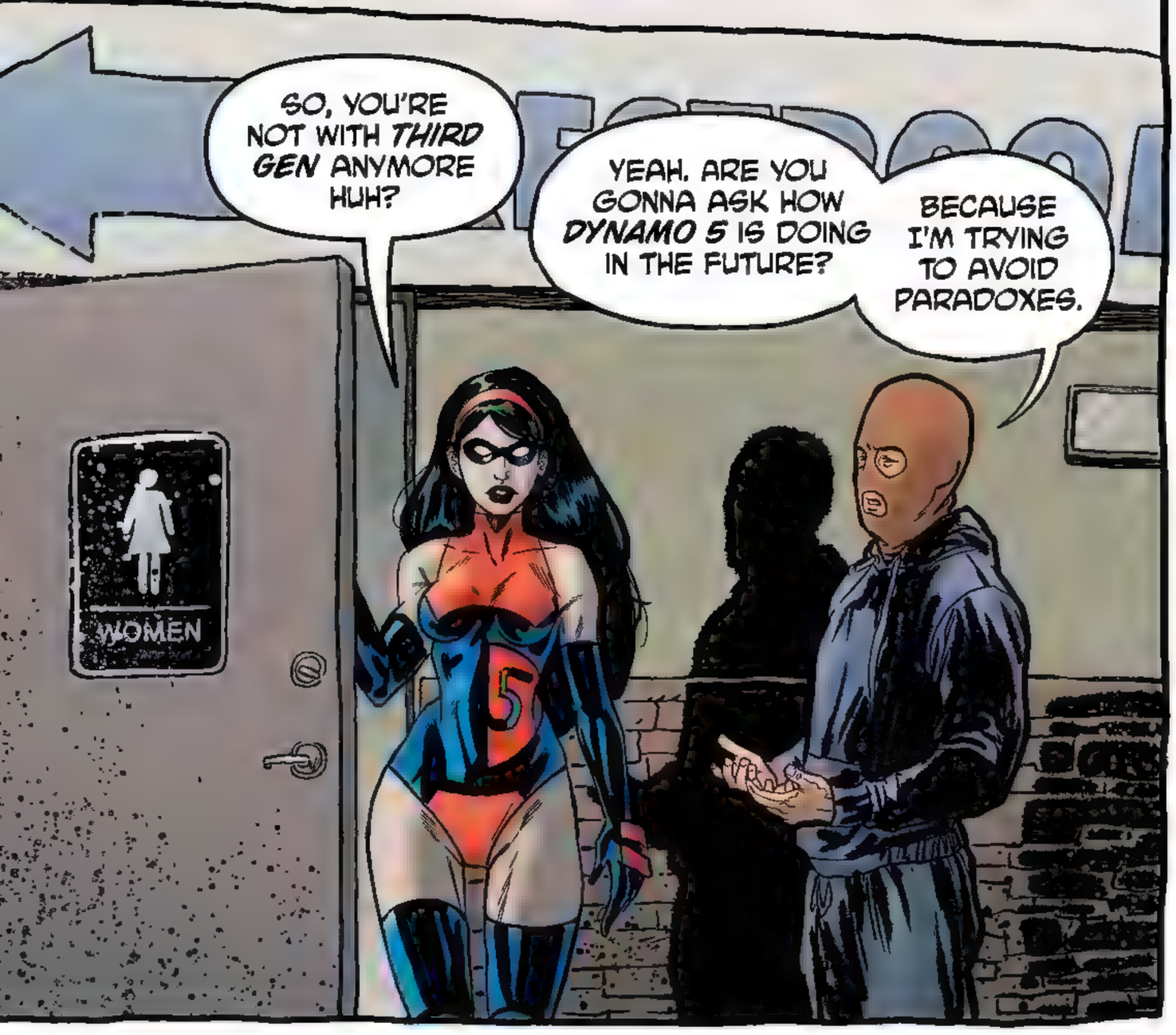
FLK

JESUS CHRIST!
I SENSE HE'S BEEN HERE!
WHERE!
WHERE IS THE BOY?! CROSSJACK?
FWOOOOSH!

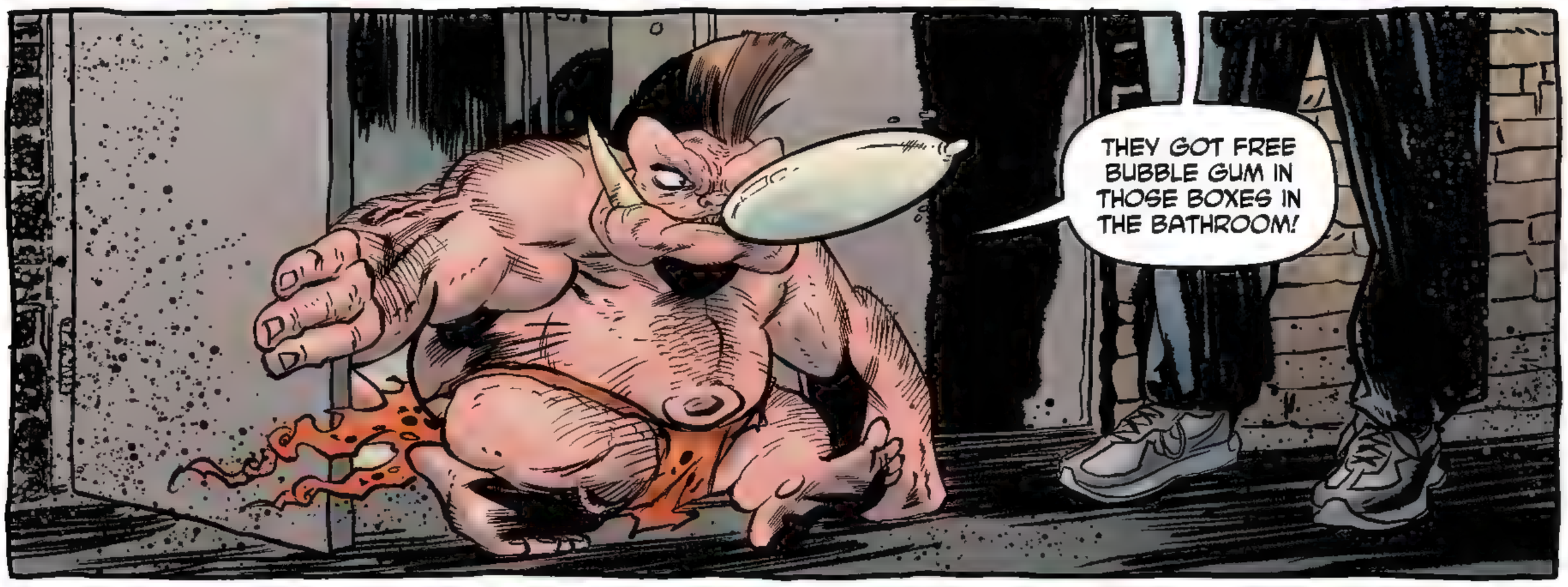
HERE, MAN!
HE'S HERE!
TAKE THE PHONE!
OH. YES. I'M...I'M SORRY.
IT'S JUST...
I KNOW THIS MAN, AND WHAT HE'S CAPABLE OF.

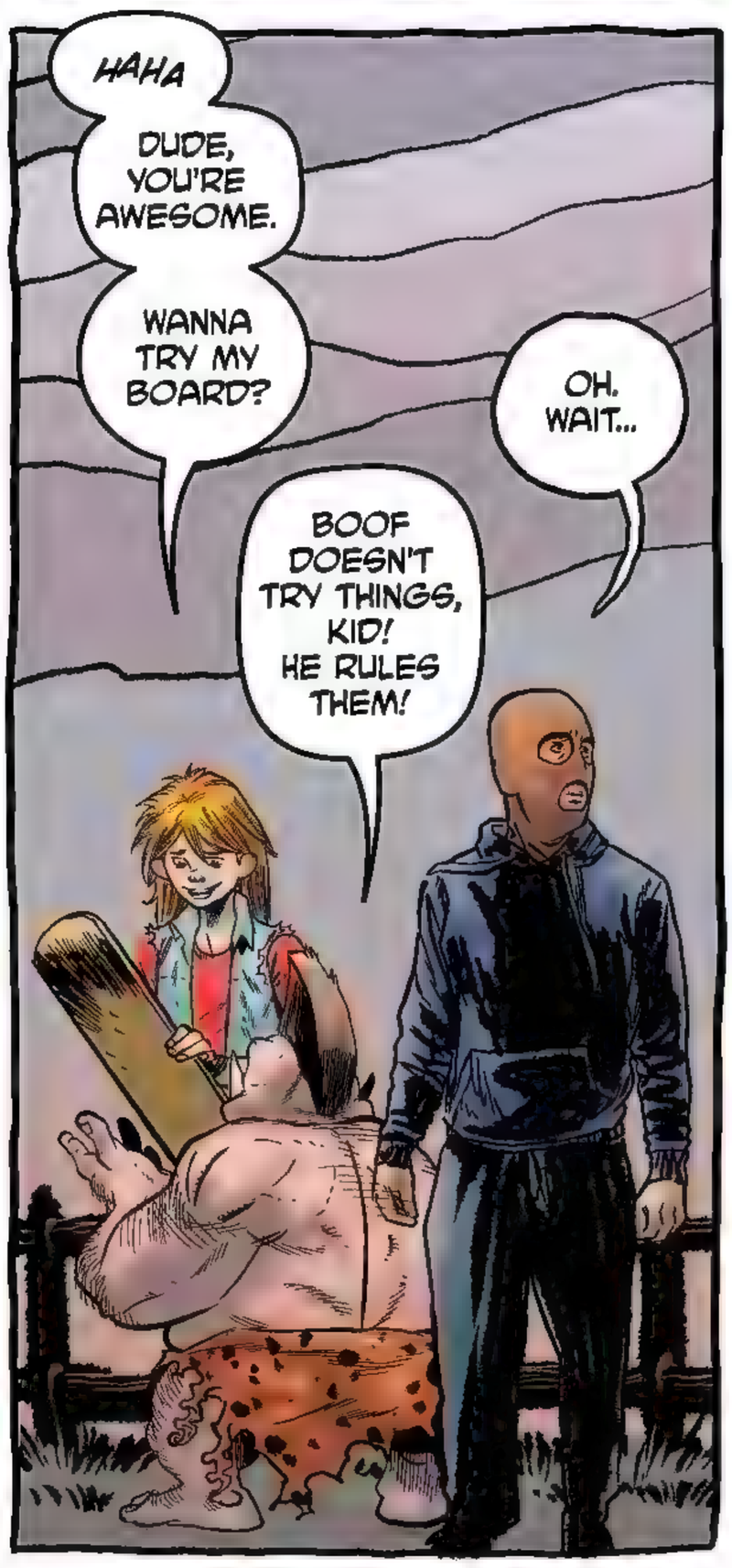

ENJOY THE CIGARETTE.
MAY IT BE YOUR LAST IN THIS BROKEN MIRROR OF A WORLD.
UH... OKAY?


SELF SERVE GAS
BAIT FOR SALE
RUNNING OUT OF GAS ON THE WAY TO SAVE THE UNIVERSE.
I BET THIS DIDN'T HAPPEN TO *PROPHET'S* TEAM.
YEAH, BUT *WE* GET TO SEE AMERICA.
I GOTTA PEE. CROSSJACK, CAN YOU WATCH THE DOOR FOR ME?
SURE, *BRIDGET.* I'LL WATCH *ANYTHING* YOU WANT.
UGH...
MEN
WOMEN
WHAT?
THAT. THE CASUAL "SHOTGUN FLIRT" THING YOU DO TO SEE IF YOU CAN WORK SOME ANGLE.
I JUST... UGH.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE SHUTTING UP!
BESIDES, I'M NOT EXCLUSIVE WITH NEON. I'M NOT THE ONE CHEATING HERE.
OR...I AM... BUT NOT...YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.
SIGH.


SO, YOU'RE NOT WITH THIRD GEN ANYMORE HUH?
YEAH. ARE YOU GONNA ASK HOW DYNAMO 5 IS DOING IN THE FUTURE?
BECAUSE I'M TRYING TO AVOID PARADOXES.
WOMEN

NO WORRIES. I ALREADY KNOW.
WE ARGUE. WE FIGHT. BUT WE'RE FAMILY; ALL VARIATIONS ON THE SAME THEME, SO WE ACCEPT EACH OTHER.
YOU SHOULD TRY IT.
I'M STARTING TO LIKE THE FUTURE!


THEY GOT FREE BUBBLE GUM IN THOSE BOXES IN THE BATHROOM!

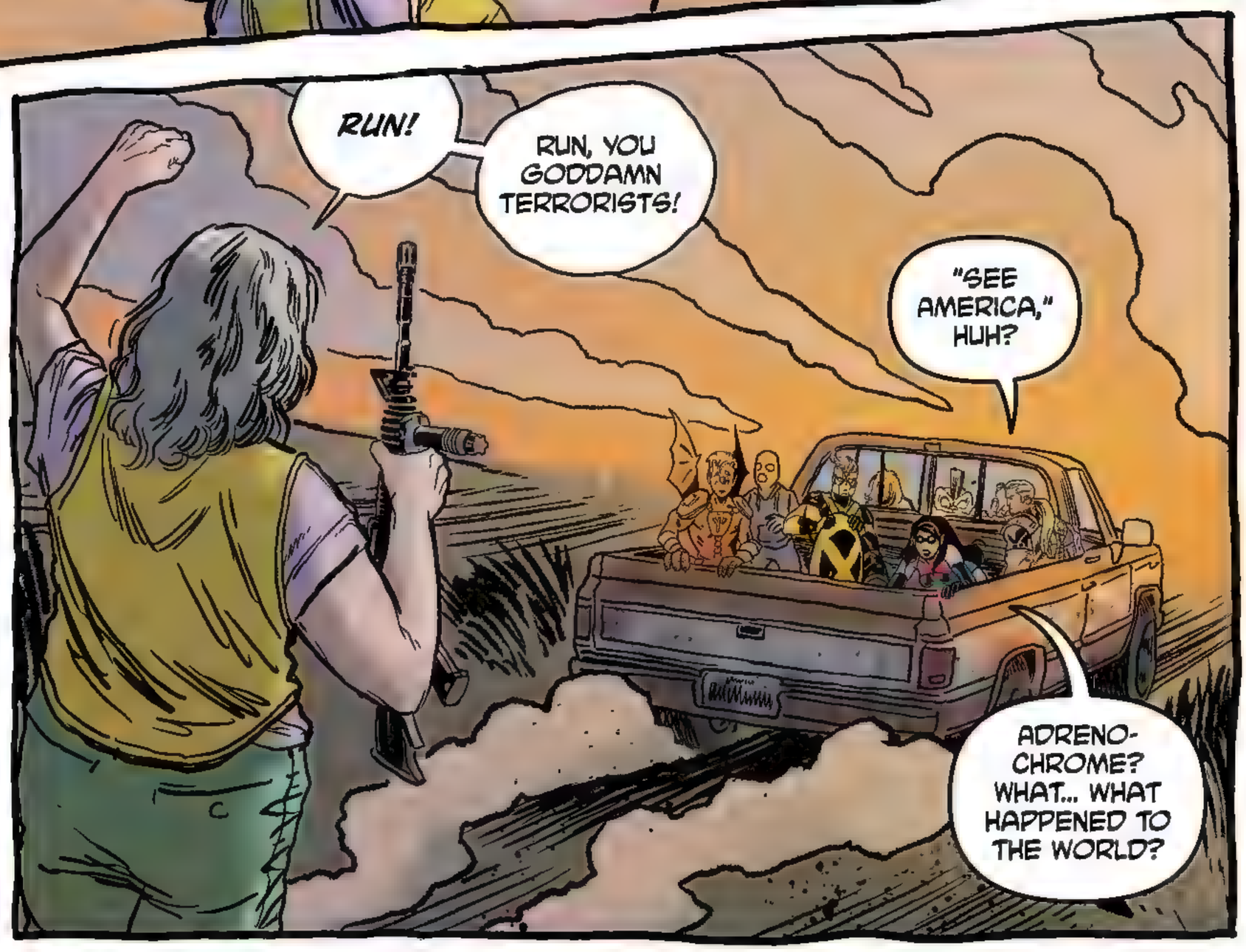

HAHA
DUDE, YOU'RE AWESOME.
WANNA TRY MY BOARD?
OH. WAIT...
BOOF DOESN'T TRY THINGS, KID! HE RULES THEM!

I REMEMBER THIS NEXT PART--!
WHAT--?!

DUNCAN!
GET DOWN!
BRAAAAAAP

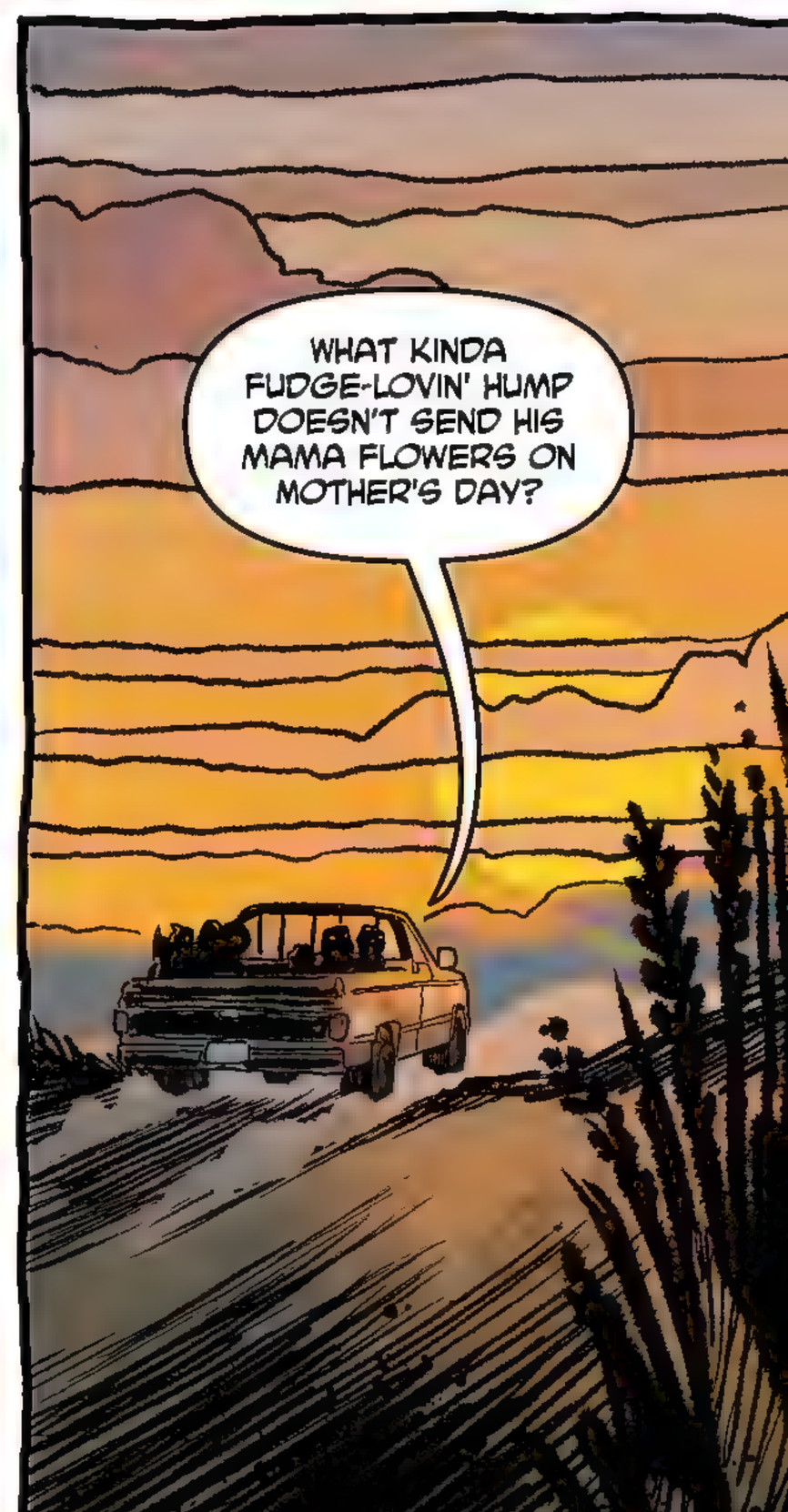
FUCKIN' LIZARD PEOPLE!
I KNEW YOU WERE COMING! SAW IT ON THE NEWS!
YOU AREN'T GETTING ANY ADRENOCHROME OUTTA ME!
PREMIUM
PREMIUM

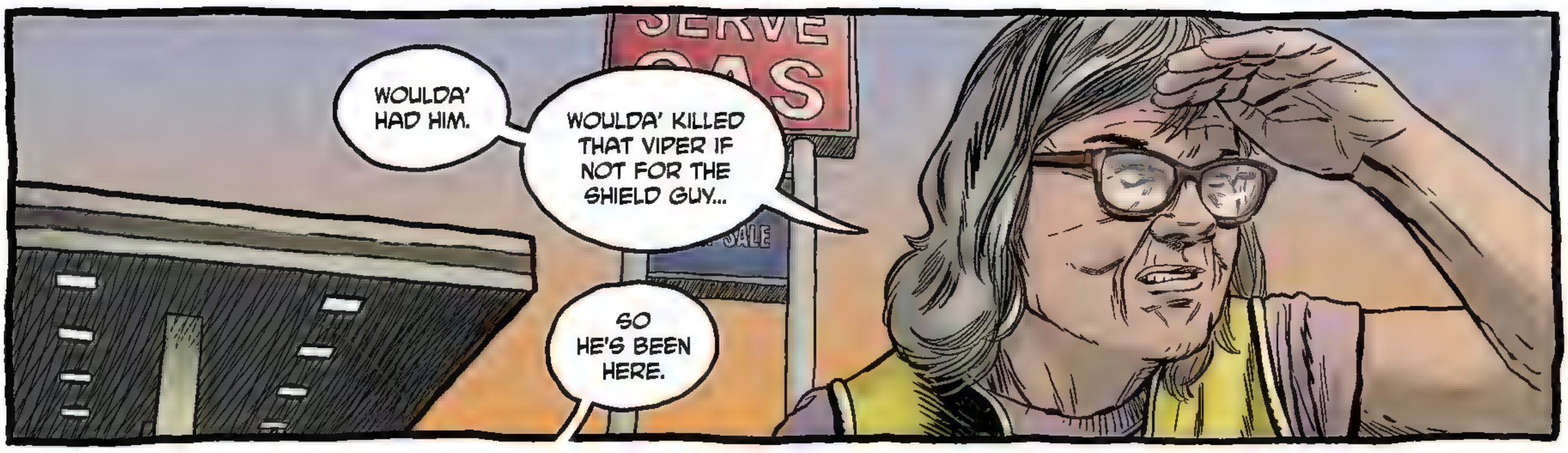
I'VE GOT THIS!
NO. DON'T.
LET'S JUST GO.

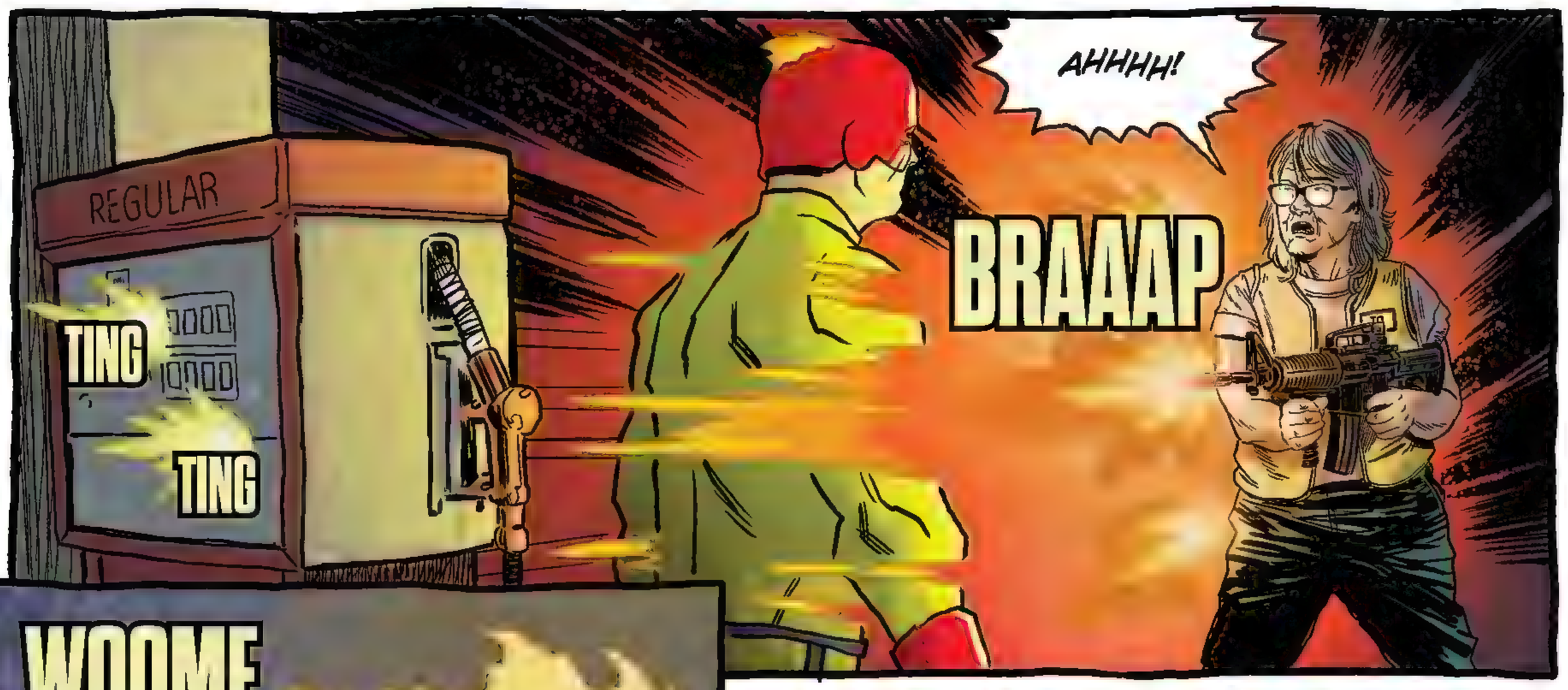

RUN!
RUN, YOU GODDAMN TERRORISTS!
"SEE AMERICA," HUH?
ADRENO-CHROME? WHAT... WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WORLD?

IT'S A MESS. EVERYONE JUST FUCKED IT UP.
I SPEND ALL MY TIME TRYING TO MAKE UP FOR PAST MISTAKES AND...
AND I JUST...
WHAT!?
WHAT DID I DO?!

WHAT DIDN'T YOU DO!?
YOU KNOW YOU NEVER TOOK MOM OUT FOR MOTHER'S DAY??
YOU NEVER SENT FLOWERS!
YOU NEVER EVEN CALLED!!


WHAT KINDA FUDGE-LOVIN' HUMP DOESN'T SEND HIS MAMA FLOWERS ON MOTHER'S DAY?


WOULDA' HAD HIM.
WOULDA' KILLED THAT VIPER IF NOT FOR THE SHIELD GUY...
SO HE'S BEEN HERE.


REGULAR
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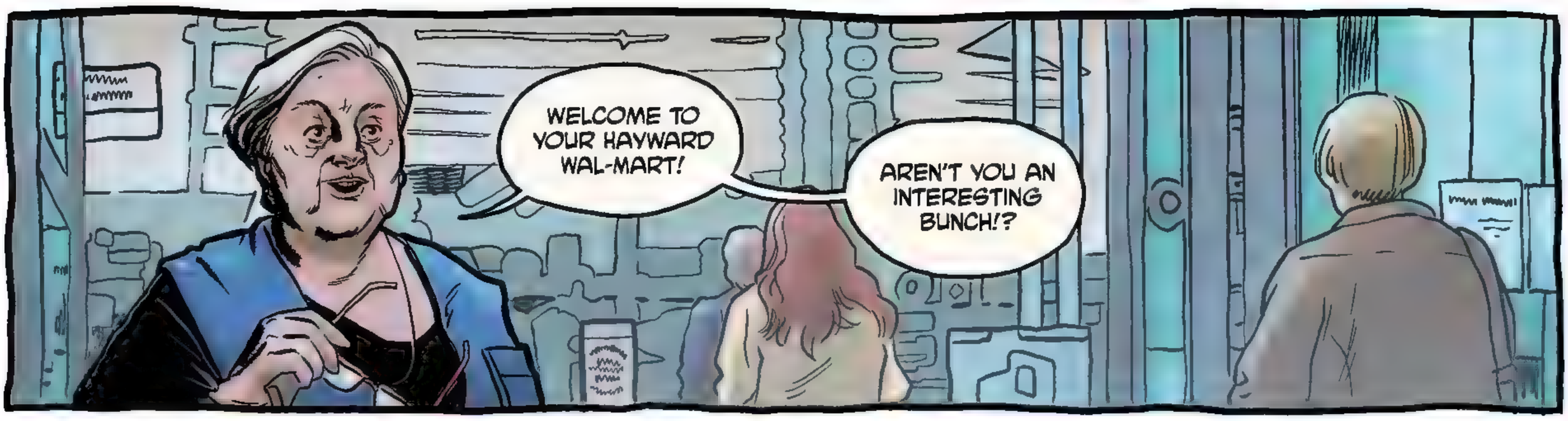
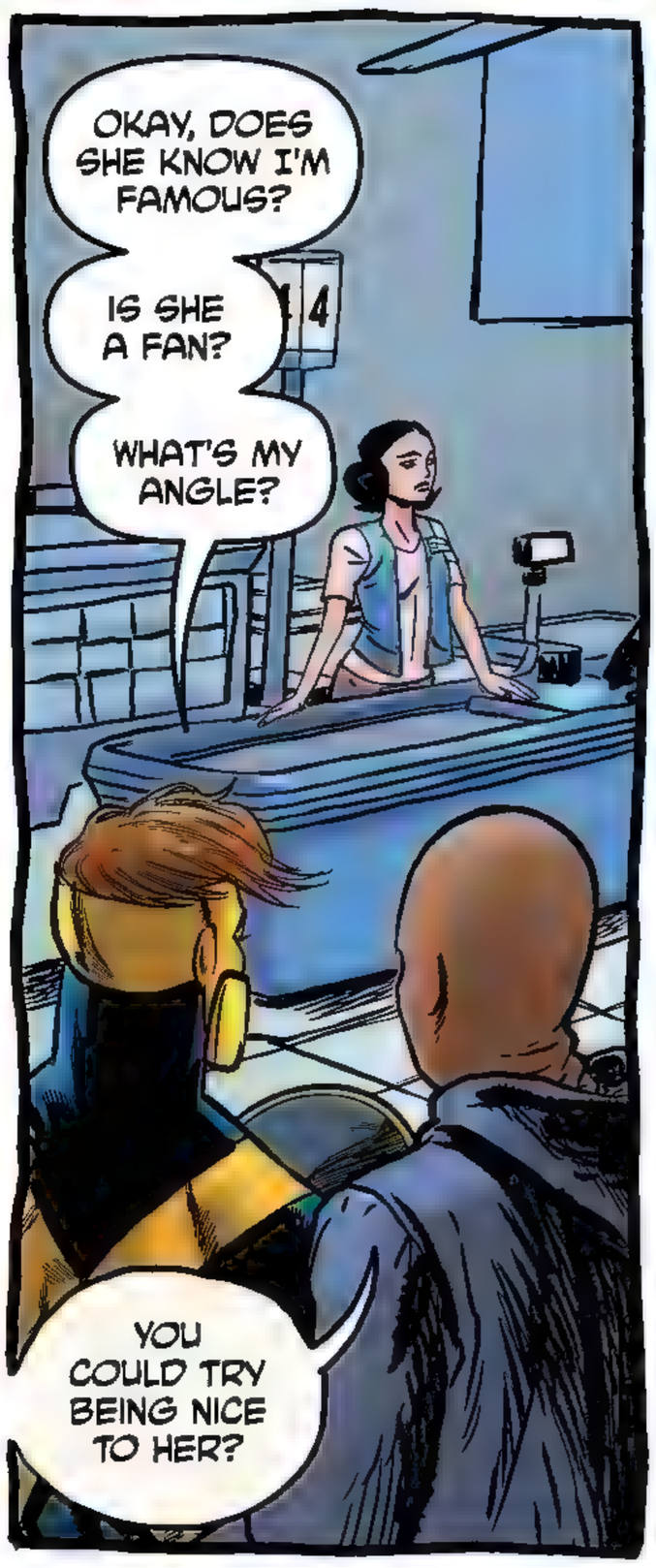
AHHHH!
BRAAAP

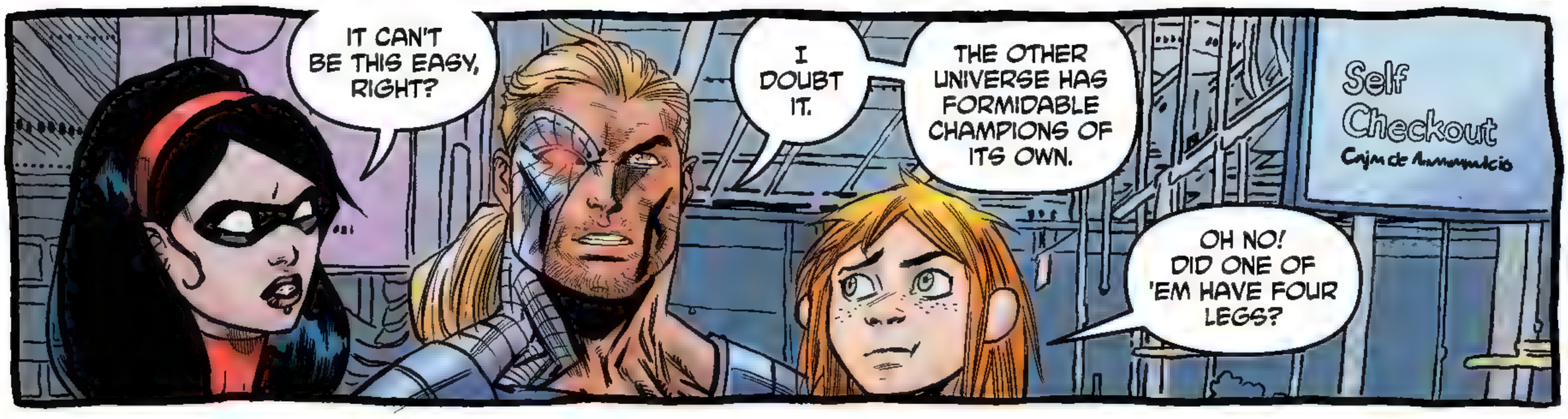
WOOMF
PREMIUM
AH! NO!
HELP!!
I COULD ABSORB THIS FIRE. SAVE YOUR LIFE.
BUT SOON YOUR WORLD WILL BE NOTHING BUT A MEMORY.
JUST A SHADOW ON THE WALL CAST BY THE GREAT FLAME THAT BURNS AT THE HEART OF ALL.

BAIT FOR SALE
AIIEEE!
AND I MUST CONSERVE MY STRENGTH.
KLIK


WELCOME TO YOUR HAYWARD WAL-MART!
AREN'T YOU AN INTERESTING BUNCH!?

FIND THE TIME FOLDER AND ACTIVATE HER.
THEN WE CATCH A RIDE IN HER WAKE BACK TO--
HEY LOOK, STRYKER!
MITTENS FOR SALE! BUY 2 GET 2 FREE!
SIGH.
HOLD ON! I'M REMEMBERING THIS PART...
THAT'S HER!


OKAY, DOES SHE KNOW I'M FAMOUS?
IS SHE A FAN?
WHAT'S MY ANGLE?
YOU COULD TRY BEING NICE TO HER?


IT CAN'T BE THIS EASY, RIGHT?
I DOUBT IT.
THE OTHER UNIVERSE HAS FORMIDABLE CHAMPIONS OF ITS OWN.
OH NO! DID ONE OF 'EM HAVE FOUR LEGS?
Self Checkout

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I CAN HELP WHO'S NEXT.
UH...
DAMN GIRL, ARE YOUR JEANS A TIME MACHINE?
BECAUSE...
I CAN SEE THAT ASS IN MY FUTURE.

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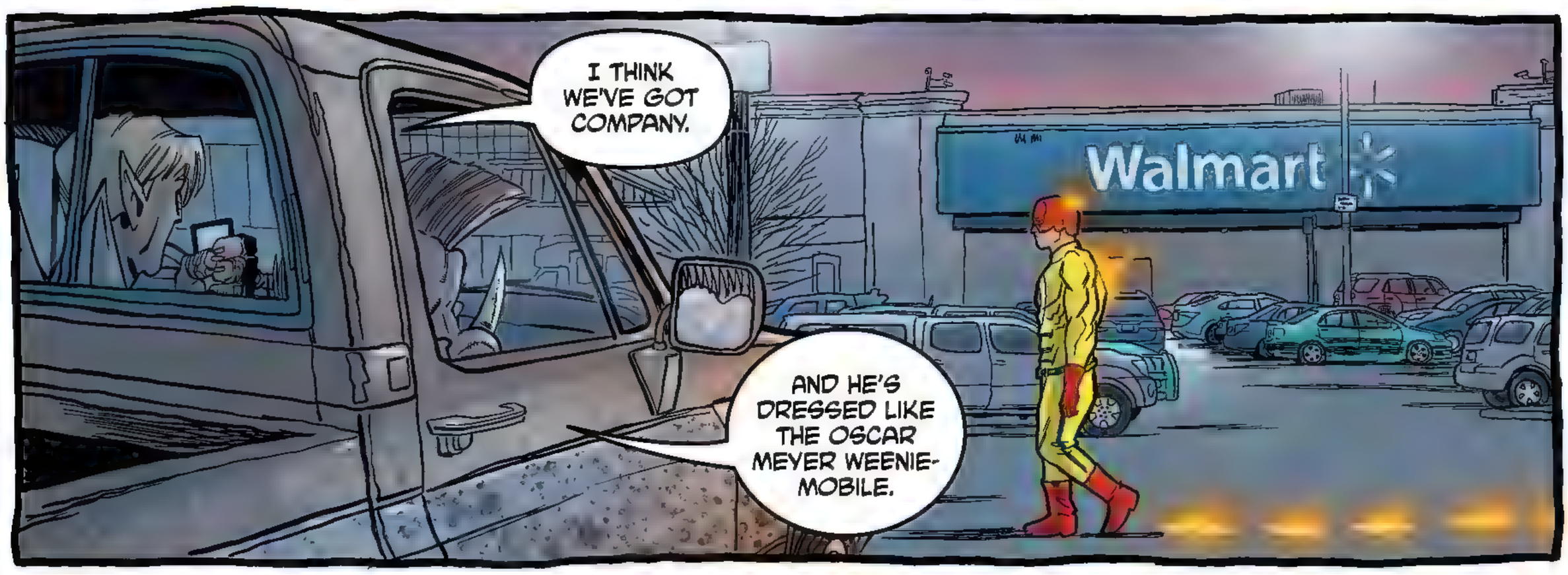
...

DUDE. BRUTAL!
IF YOU SAID THAT TO ME, I'D HAVE BROKEN YOU IN TWO.
THIS ASSHOLE...
I CAN'T--
HEY, COLONEL?
DUNCAN, YOU HOLDING DOWN THE TRANSPORT?


I THINK WE'VE GOT COMPANY.
AND HE'S DRESSED LIKE THE OSCAR MEYER WEENIE-MOBILE.
Walmart

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT!?
I HAD OLD MAN JACK IN MY HEAD TELLING ME I WAS A PIECE OF CRAP, AND I DUNNO...
I JUST...

SHIT.
TIME'S UP...

KRACHOOOM!

HNH.

I'M IMMUNE TO FIRE. BUT THE LITTLE GUY...

BOOF!!

NO!

MISTER, YOU JUST PISSED OFF THE DEADLIEST GIRL ALIVE.

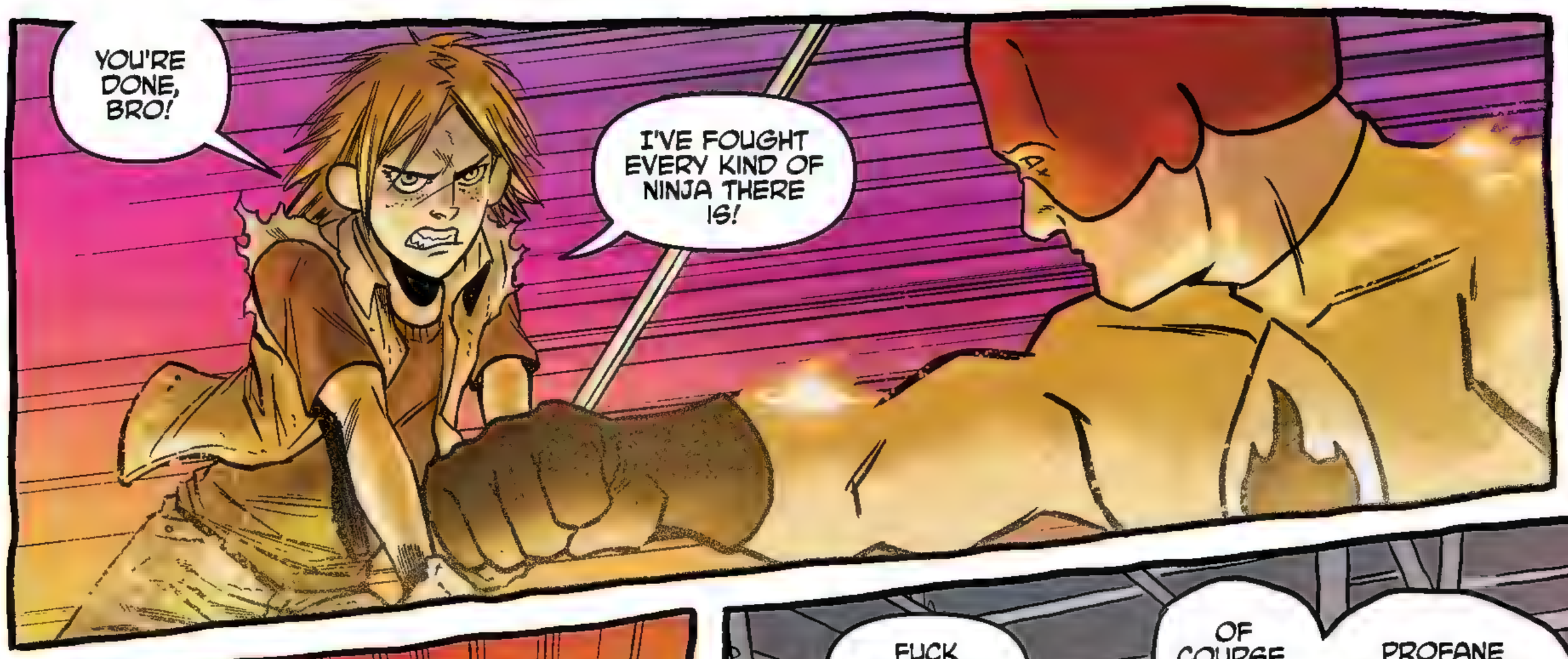
WHO THE HELL?!

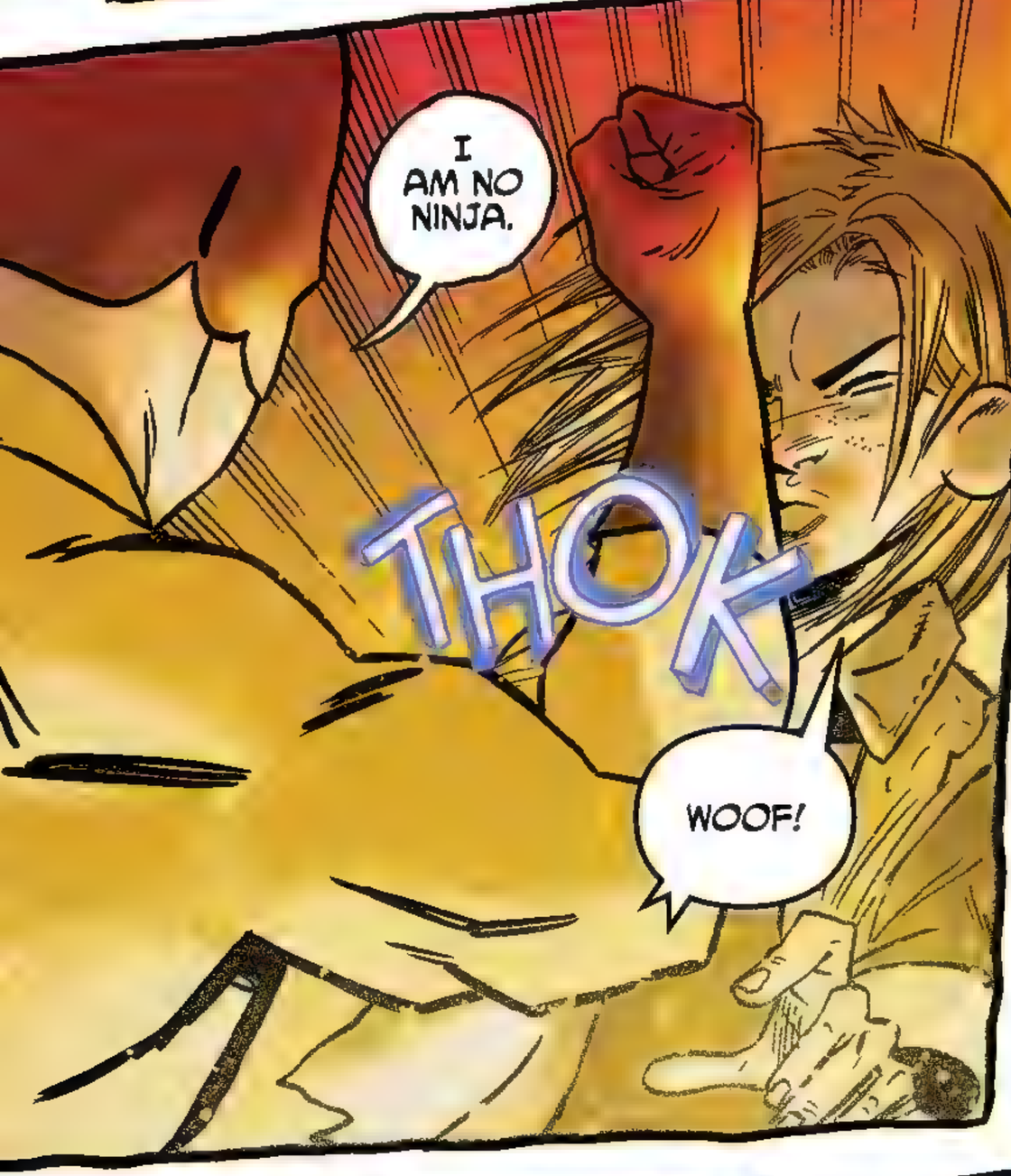
THE FLAME. ZEN PYROKINETIC FROM THE OTHER UNIVERSE.

I WAS MERGED WITH HIM. WE WERE SOME KIND OF AMALGAM THING.

HE'S POWERFUL, FOCUSED AND UNRELENTING.

"AND HE'S AFTER THE GIRL."


YOU'RE DONE, BRO!
I'VE FOUGHT EVERY KIND OF NINJA THERE IS!


I AM NO NINJA.
THOK
WOOF!

FUCK YOU, LITTLE MAN.
OF COURSE.
PROFANE MERCENARIES AND RAGAMUFFIN CHILD SOLDIERS IN PLACE OF REAL SUPER-HEROES.
BKOW
BKOW
BKOW

THIS UNIVERSE IS A PERVERTED NIGHTMARE.
KROK!

YEAH, BUT IT'S *OUR* PERVERTED NIGHTMARE.
KRAKOOOOM

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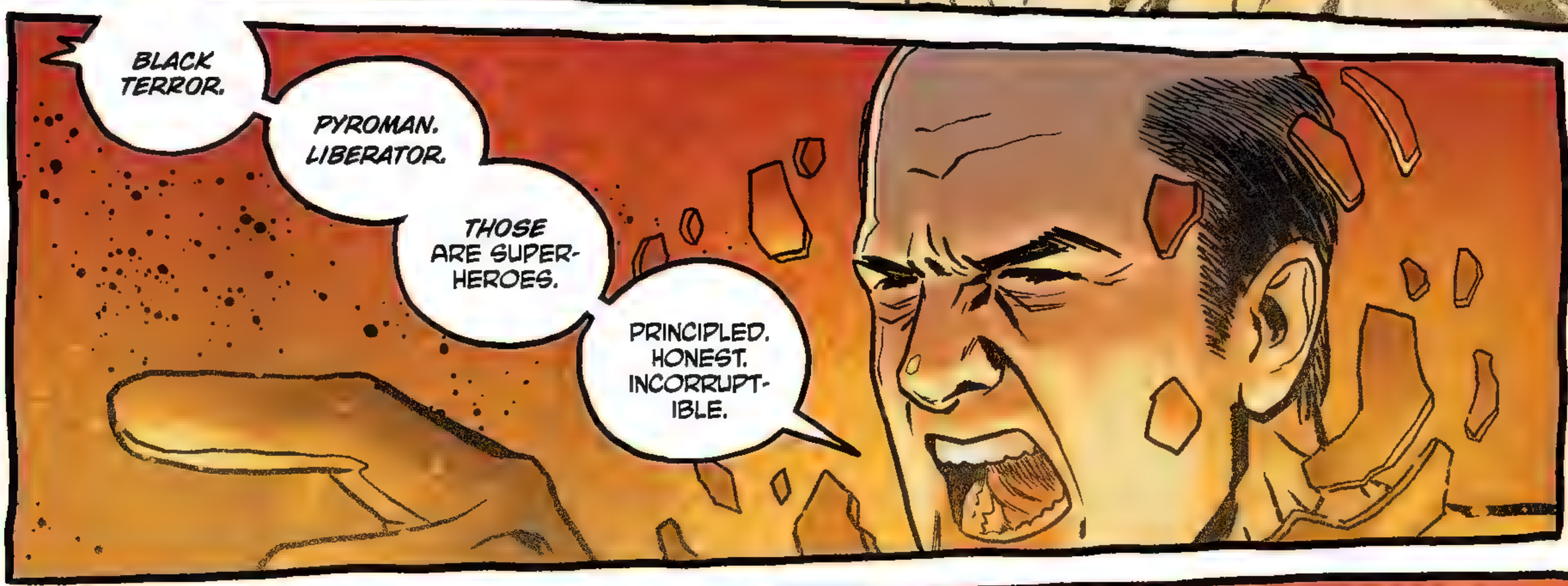
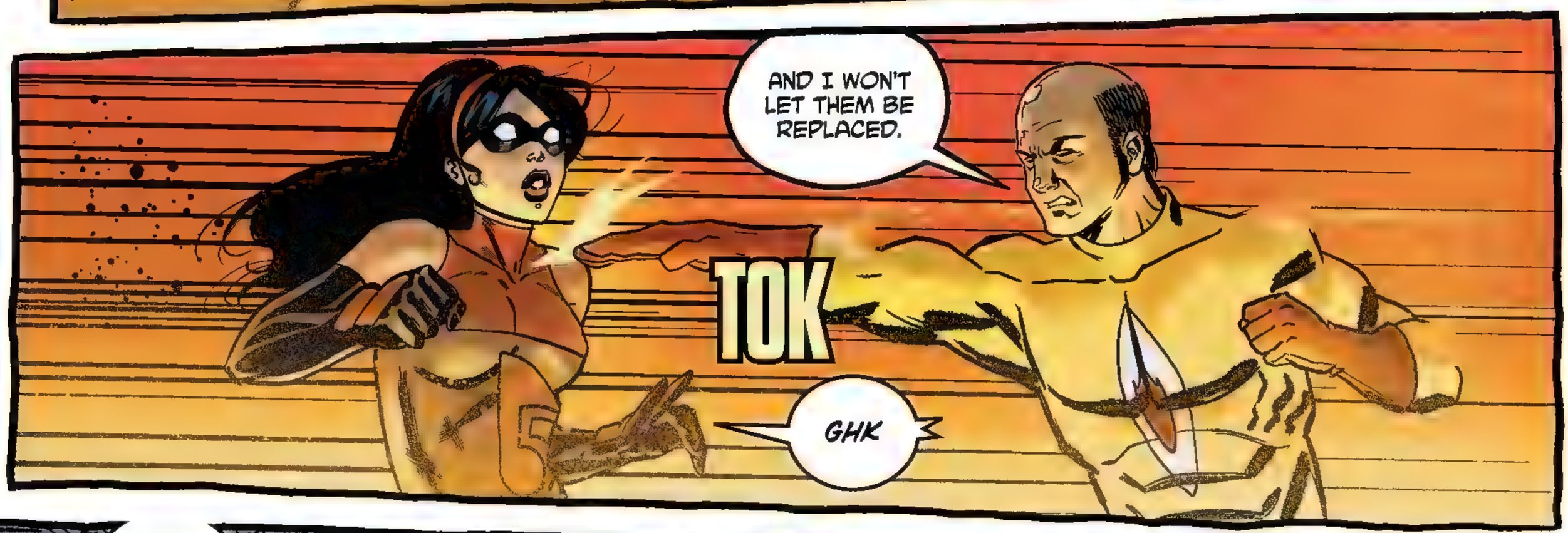
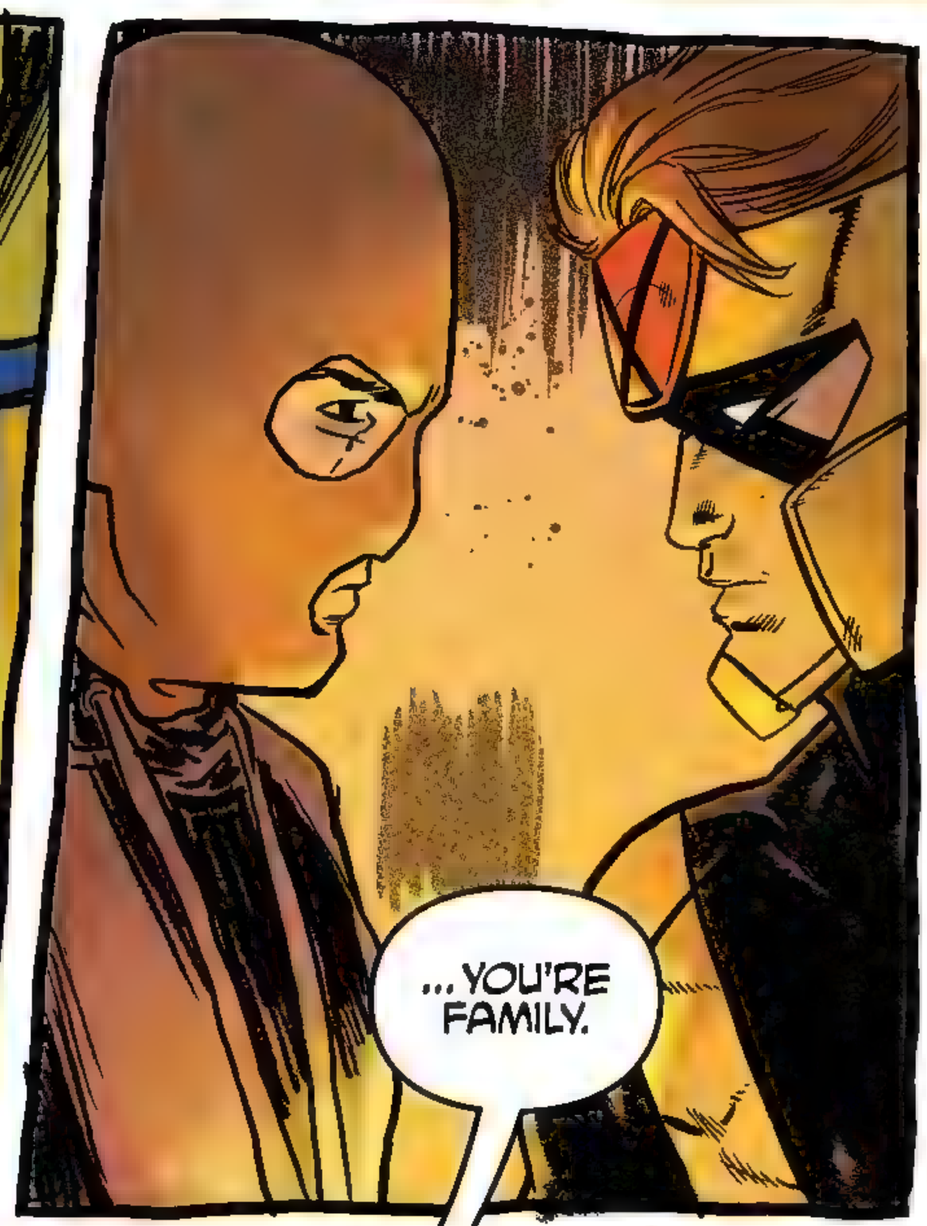
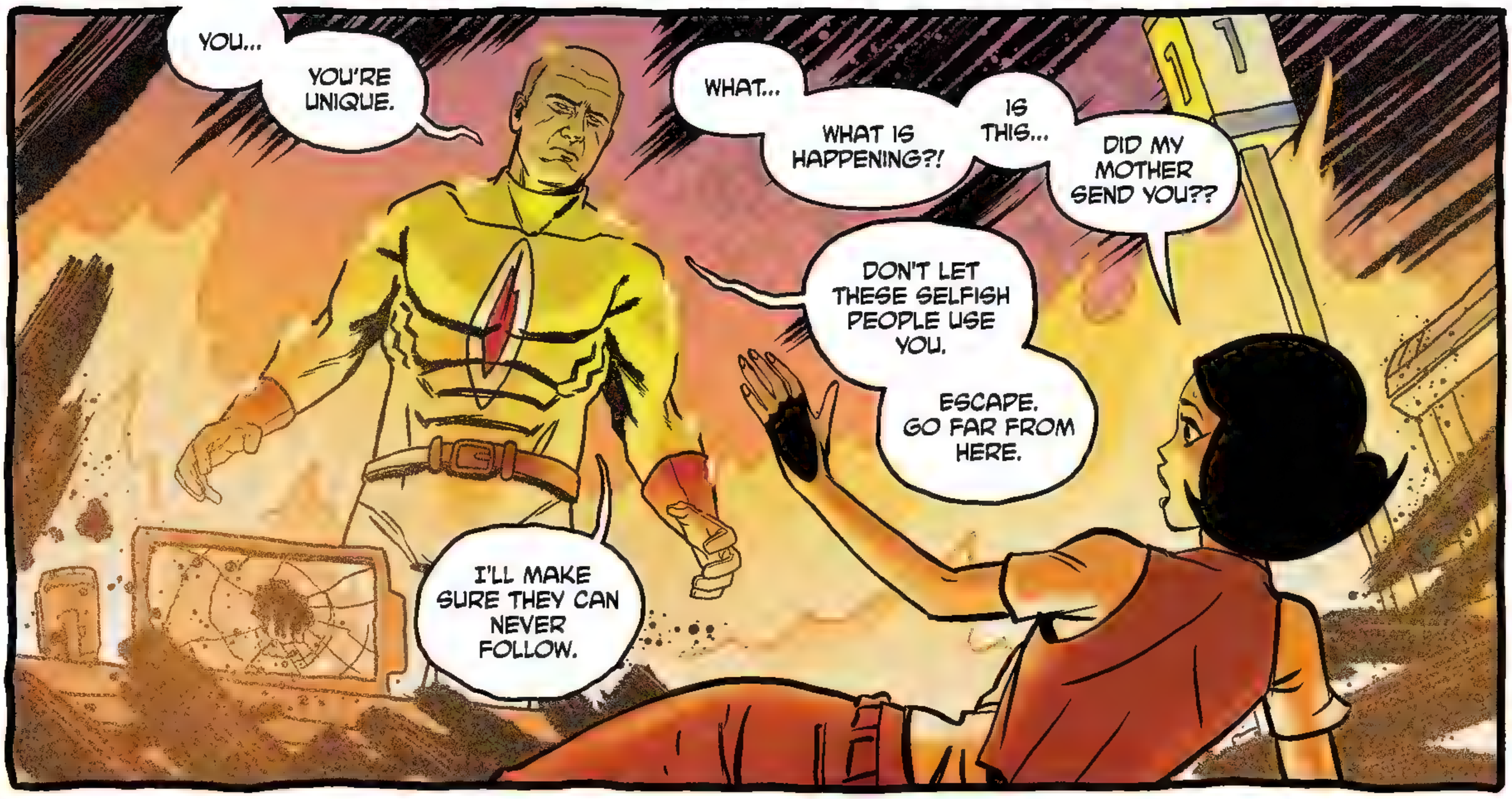
KRSH

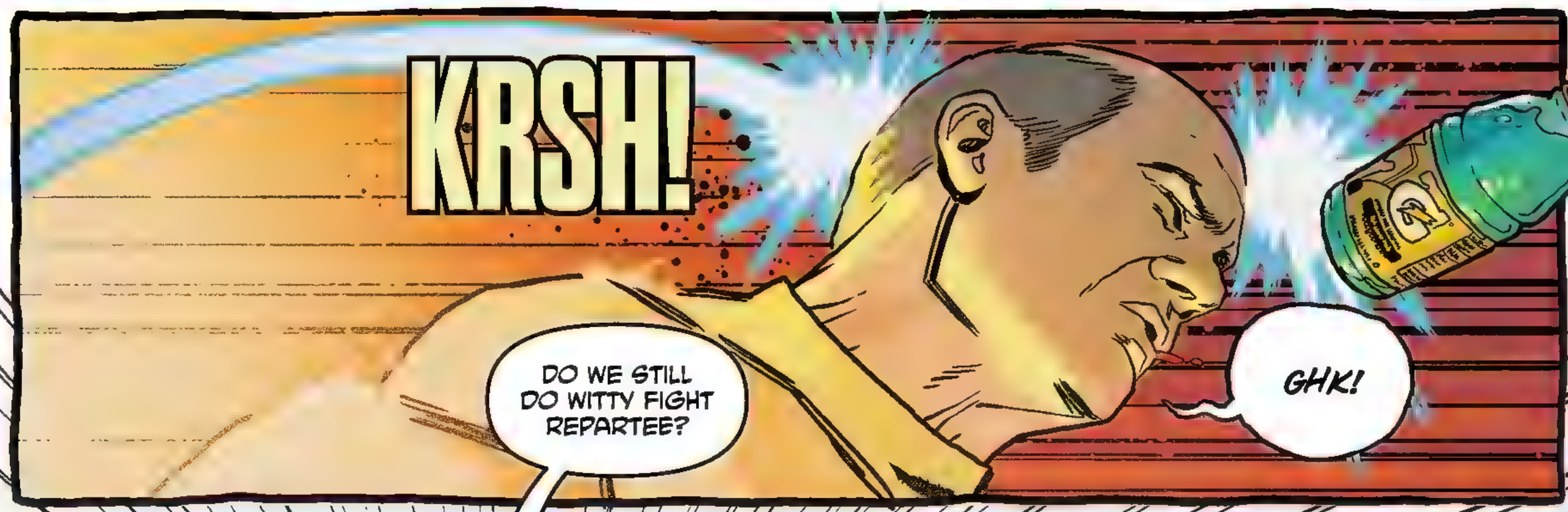

BLACK TERROR.
PYROMAN. LIBERATOR.
THOSE ARE SUPER-HEROES.
PRINCIPLED. HONEST. INCORRUPT-IBLE.


AND I WON'T LET THEM BE REPLACED.
TOK
GHK

JACK.
HNF.
YOU CAN DO THIS...
TOGETHER...


...YOU'RE FAMILY.

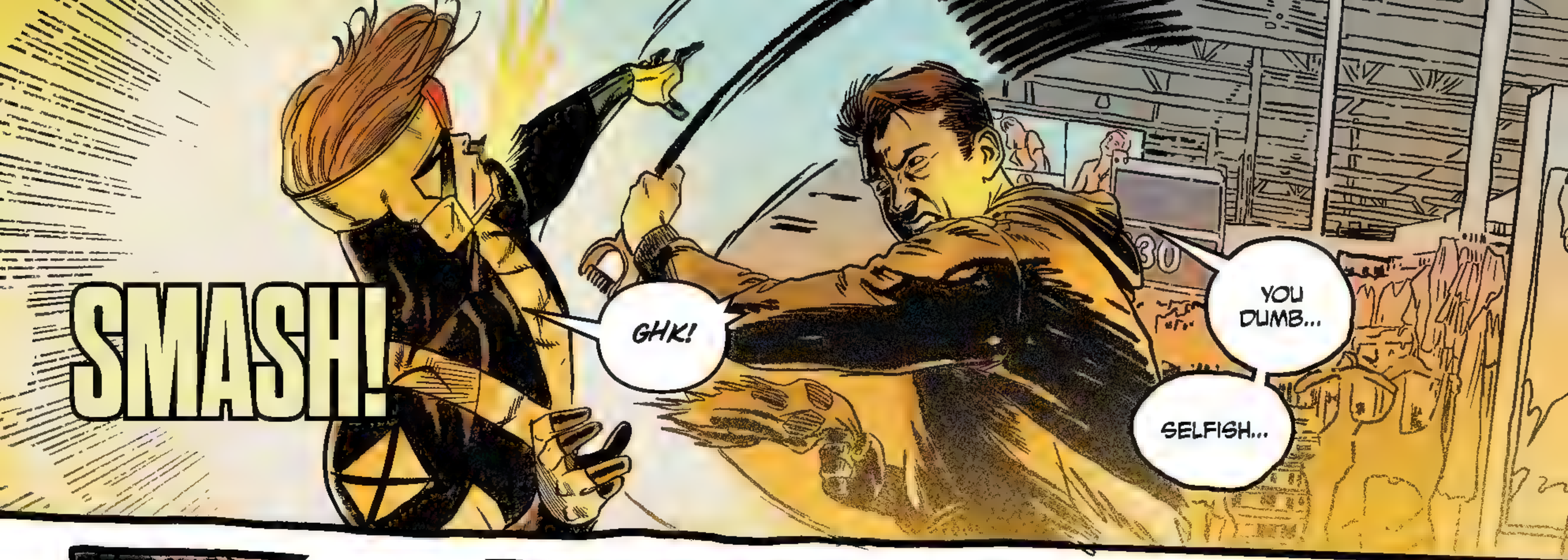

YOU...
YOU'RE UNIQUE.
WHAT...
WHAT IS HAPPENING?!
IS THIS...
DID MY MOTHER SEND YOU??
DON'T LET THESE SELFISH PEOPLE USE YOU.
ESCAPE. GO FAR FROM HERE.
I'LL MAKE SURE THEY CAN NEVER FOLLOW.


KRSH!
DO WE STILL DO WITTY FIGHT REPARTEE?
GHK!

I MEAN, WHEN WE'RE OLD?
IF WE DO, THAT WASN'T IT.
YOU.

AFTER THE UNIVERSES WERE PULLED APART, FANTOMAH ASKED US...
PWAK
...THE HEROES OF MY WORLD, WHAT WE SHOULD DO.
I TOLD HER ABOUT THE LIFETIME I HAD LIVED MERGED WITH YOU, AS GARY XAVER, CROSSFIRE.
THOK
I EXPLAINED I KNEW YOU BETTER THAN ANYONE TO EVER LIVE.
I TOLD HER ABOUT YOUR GREED AND SELFISHNESS. YOUR APPETITE FOR SEXUAL IMPROPRIETY. YOUR INABILITY TO CHANGE.
HOW YOU WERE WHAT PASSED FOR A GREAT HERO IN THIS UNIVERSE.
AND SHE AGREED THAT A PLACE LIKE THIS WAS FAR TOO DANGEROUS TO EXIST SO CLOSE TO OURS.
THE ONLY SOLUTION WAS TO OVERTAKE THIS WORLD.
WIPE IT CLEAN.
START IT AGAIN FROM SCRATCH.
MAKE IT JUST AND GOOD.
TSSS
GAH!

COME ON.
I THINK WE ACTUALLY GOT THIS.
YEAH...
$4.37
WHAM!
I'M SORRY. I JUST...
I CAN'T!
I CAN'T FUCKING CHANGE. HE'S RIGHT!
NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY, MAN...
I KNOW I'M GOING TO GROW OLD AND TURN INTO YOU.
NO! DON'T--
I'M GOING TO FAIL AT LIFE AND END UP RIGHT BACK IN THE SAME BULLSHIT TOWN I COULDN'T WAIT TO GET OUT OF WITH ALL THE SAME BULLSHIT PEOPLE AND...
YOU LIVE MY WORST NIGHTMARE, JACK. THE ABSOLUTE WORST.
WE BOTH KNOW WE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE BY LETTING THEM FIX THIS PLACE.
JUST DO WHATEVER YOU CAME HERE TO DO, FLAME.
JUST HIT RESTART.
RRRAAAAAAA!!!

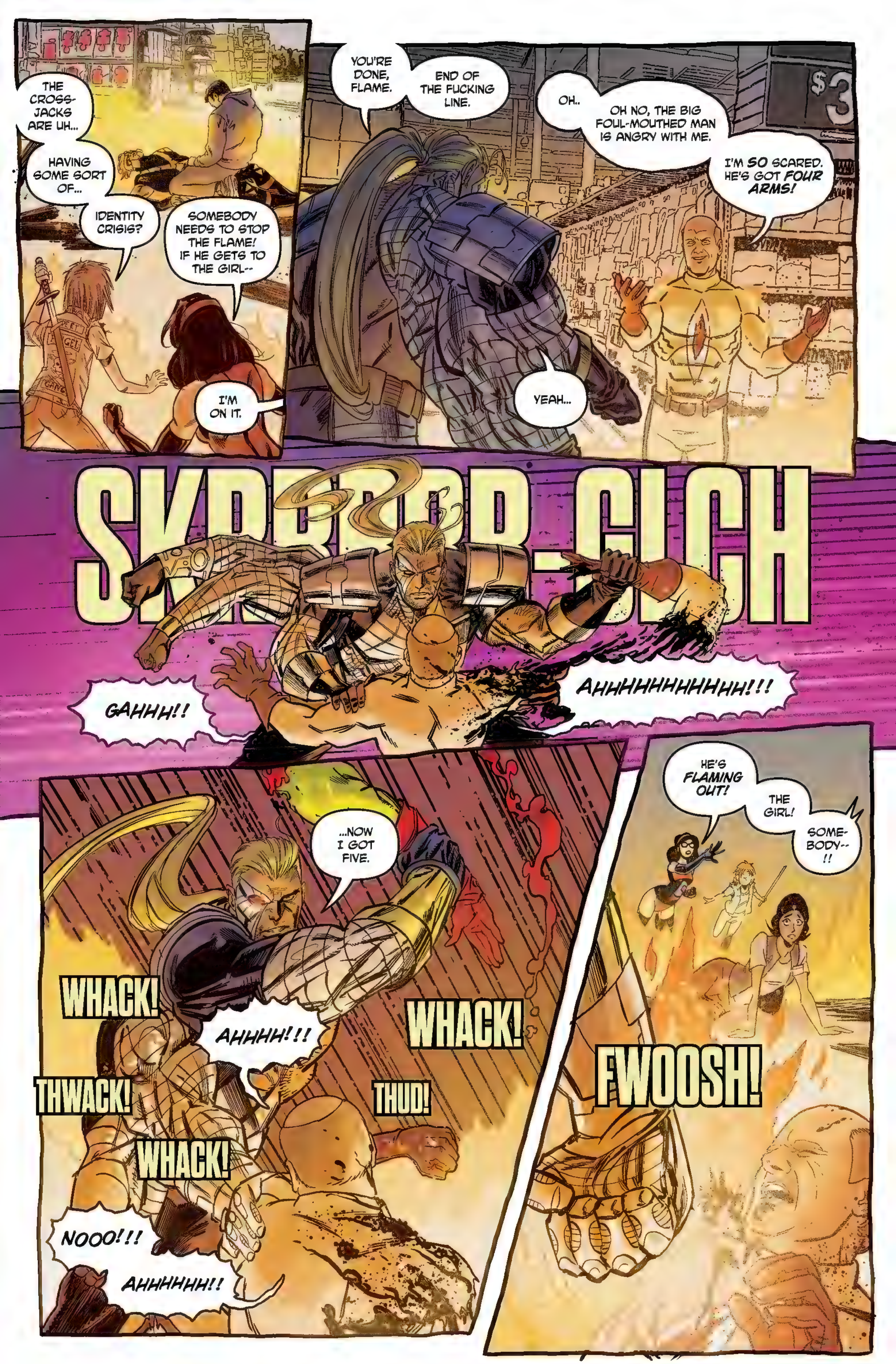

SMASH!
GHK!
YOU DUMB...
SELFISH...

...MOTHER-FUCKER!
YOU'D LET THIS WHOLE WORLD GET RESET. WIPED OUT.
ALL THESE PEOPLE! GONE!
MOM, DAD, ERICA...
EVERYONE!
RATHER THAN JUST--
DOING THE WORK TO NOT END UP AN ASSHOLE.

I FUCKING HATE YOU, MAN.
I'VE NEVER HATED ANYTHING ON EARTH MORE THAN I HATE YOU.
YOU'RE WORSE THAN BILLY KINCAID.
WORSE THAN FUCKING MR. GONE.
WORSE THAN THE FACELESS HORDE.

I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M EVEN TRYING TO MAKE ANYTHING BETTER OF MYSELF.
BECAUSE YOU'RE ME AND I KNOW...
I FUCKING KNOW YOU CAN'T BE BETTER!
YOU'RE STUPID. AND...
...AND YOU'RE SHALLOW AND SELFISH!
GHH--
STOP--

I JUST WISH YOU WERE FUCKING DEAD.


THE CROSS-JACKS ARE UH...
HAVING SOME SORT OF...
IDENTITY CRISIS?
SOMEBODY NEEDS TO STOP THE FLAME! IF HE GETS TO THE GIRL--
I'M ON IT.
YOU'RE DONE, FLAME.
END OF THE FUCKING LINE.
OH..
OH NO, THE BIG FOUL-MOUTHED MAN IS ANGRY WITH ME.
I'M SO SCARED. HE'S GOT FOUR ARMS!
YEAH...
SKRRRR-CLICK
GAHHH!!
AHHHHHHHHHHH!!!
...NOW I GOT FIVE.
WHACK!
AHHHH!!!
WHACK!
THWACK!
THUD!
WHACK!
NOOO!!!
AHHHHHH!!
HE'S FLAMING OUT!
THE GIRL!
SOME-BODY--!!
FWOOSH!

I GOT HER!

OH SHIT.

DRAGON'S TEAM CHECKED IN!

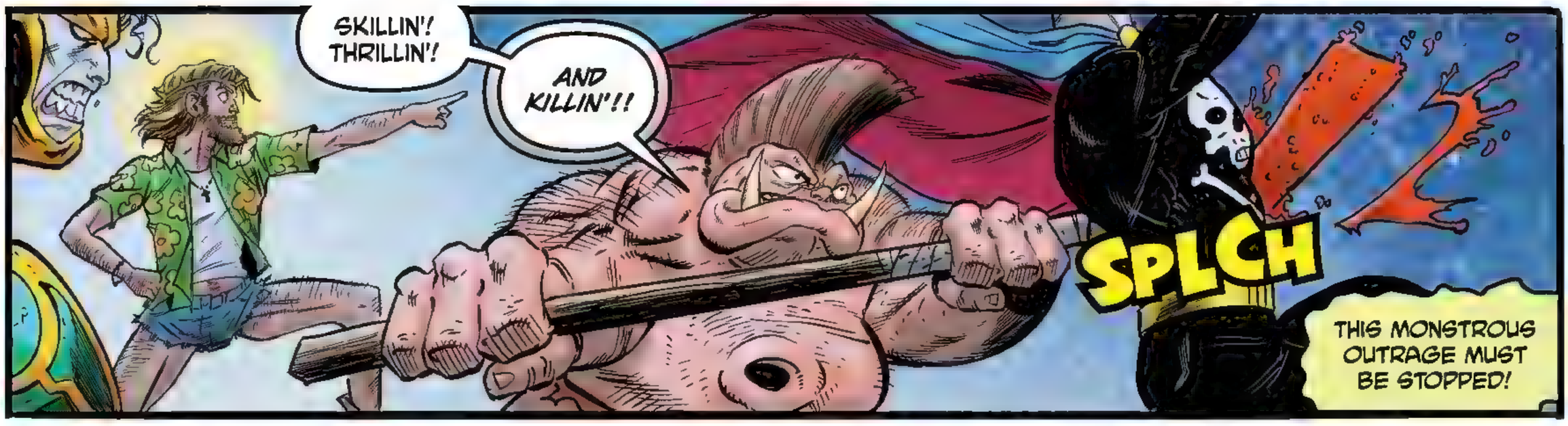
POYO'S TEAM CHECKED IN!

WE'RE EXITING NON-SPACE NOW!

STRYKER'S TEAM?

STRYKER'S TEAM??

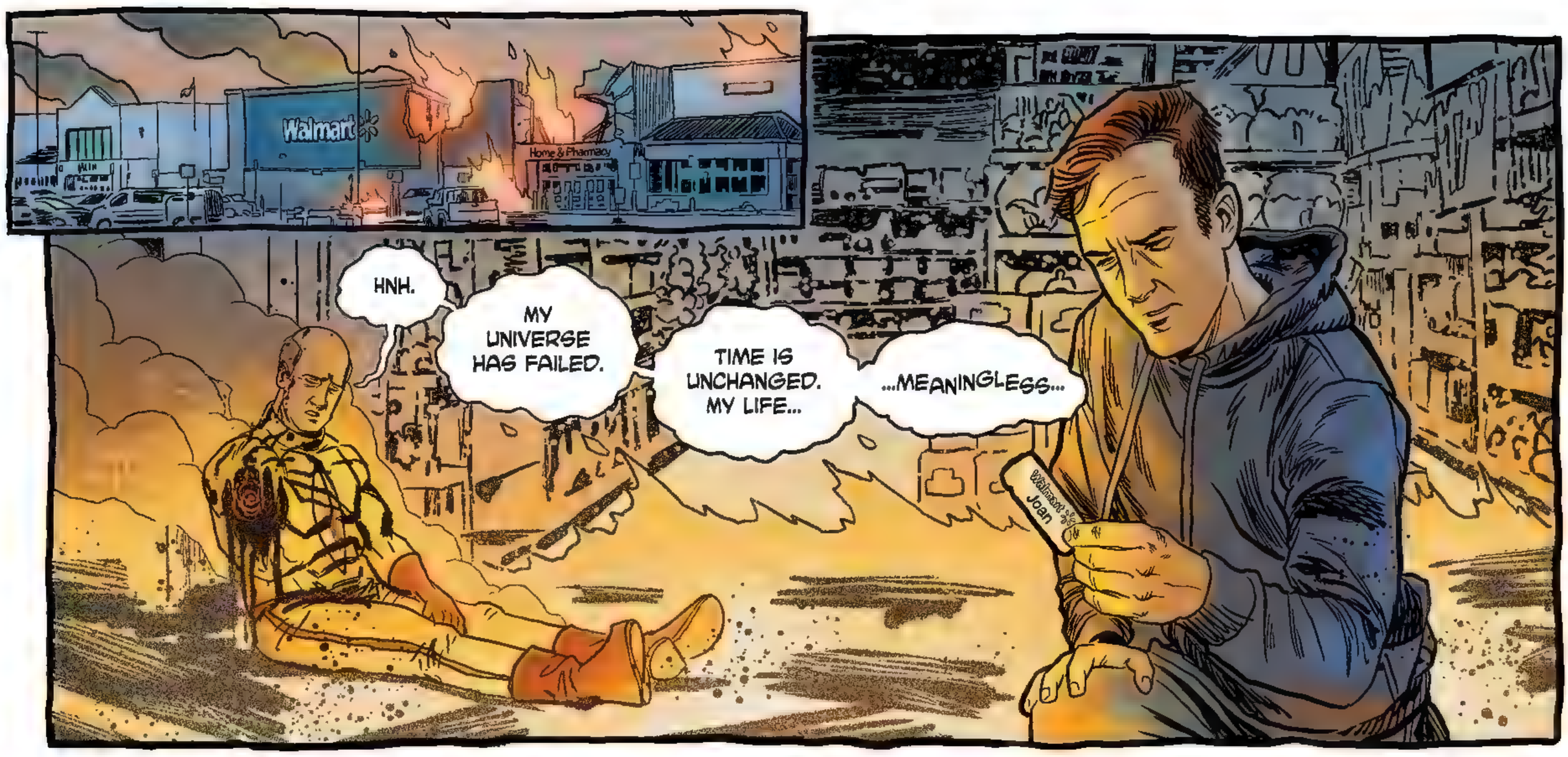
STRYKER'S TEAM CHECKING IN, YOUR SUPREME HOLINESS.
ALL TEAMS CHECKED IN! GLAD YOU ALL MADE IT BACK IN ONE PIECE.
THE WAR TO SAVE OUR UNIVERSE BEGINS NOW!
UNITE
AND CONQUER!!
BOOF!
YOU'RE OKAY?!
I'M AN ALIEN FROM THE PLANET SMASHMOUTH!
YOUR STUPID EARTH FIRE CAN'T STOP ME FROM...
STREET
ANGEL
GANG


SKILLIN'! THRILLIN'!
AND KILLIN'!!
SPLCH
THIS MONSTROUS OUTRAGE MUST BE STOPPED!

THEY WILL PAY A DREADFUL PENALTY FOR THEIR IMMORAL ESSENCE!

MAKE THEM LOSE ALL THEIR TAINTED CHATTELS!
THAT'S THE THING, FANTOMAH...

SOME OF US HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE.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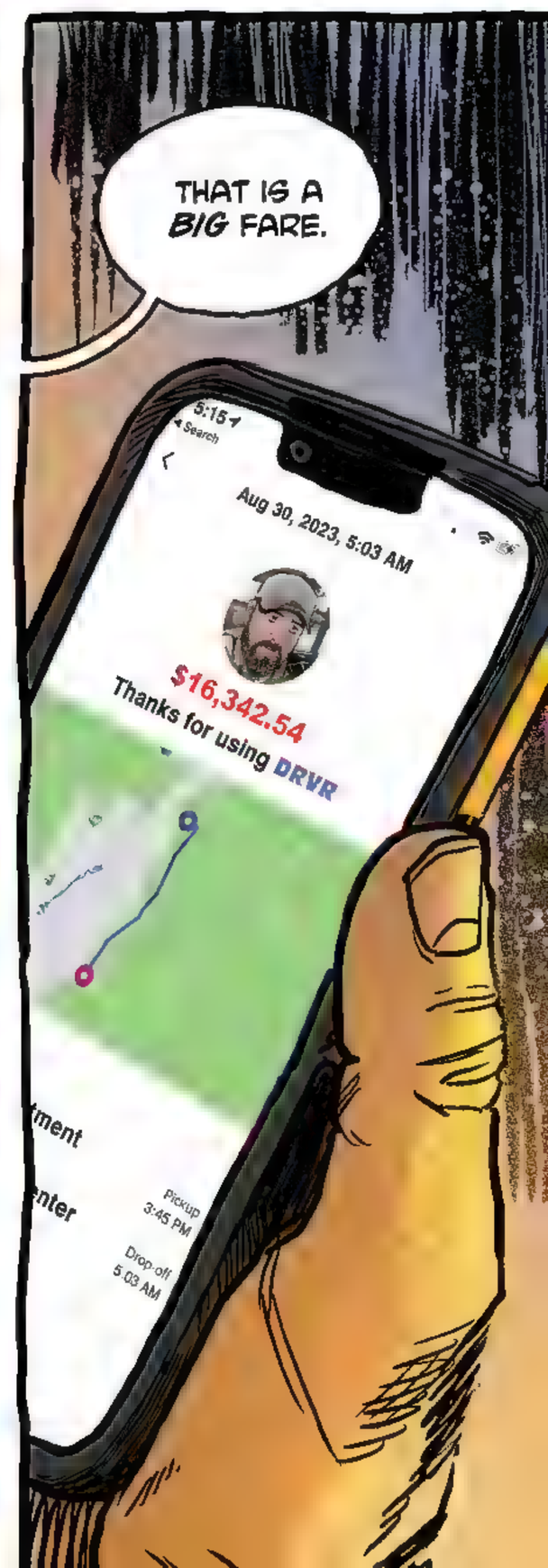
HNH.
MY UNIVERSE HAS FAILED.
TIME IS UNCHANGED. MY LIFE...
...MEANINGLESS...
Joan

NAH, GARY.
IT HAD MEANING.
WHATEVER HAPPENED WHEN *WE* WERE THE SAME GUY?

IT DIDN'T LEAVE ME THE *SAME GUY.*
BURN WITH THE GREAT FLAME, MAN.

FUCK.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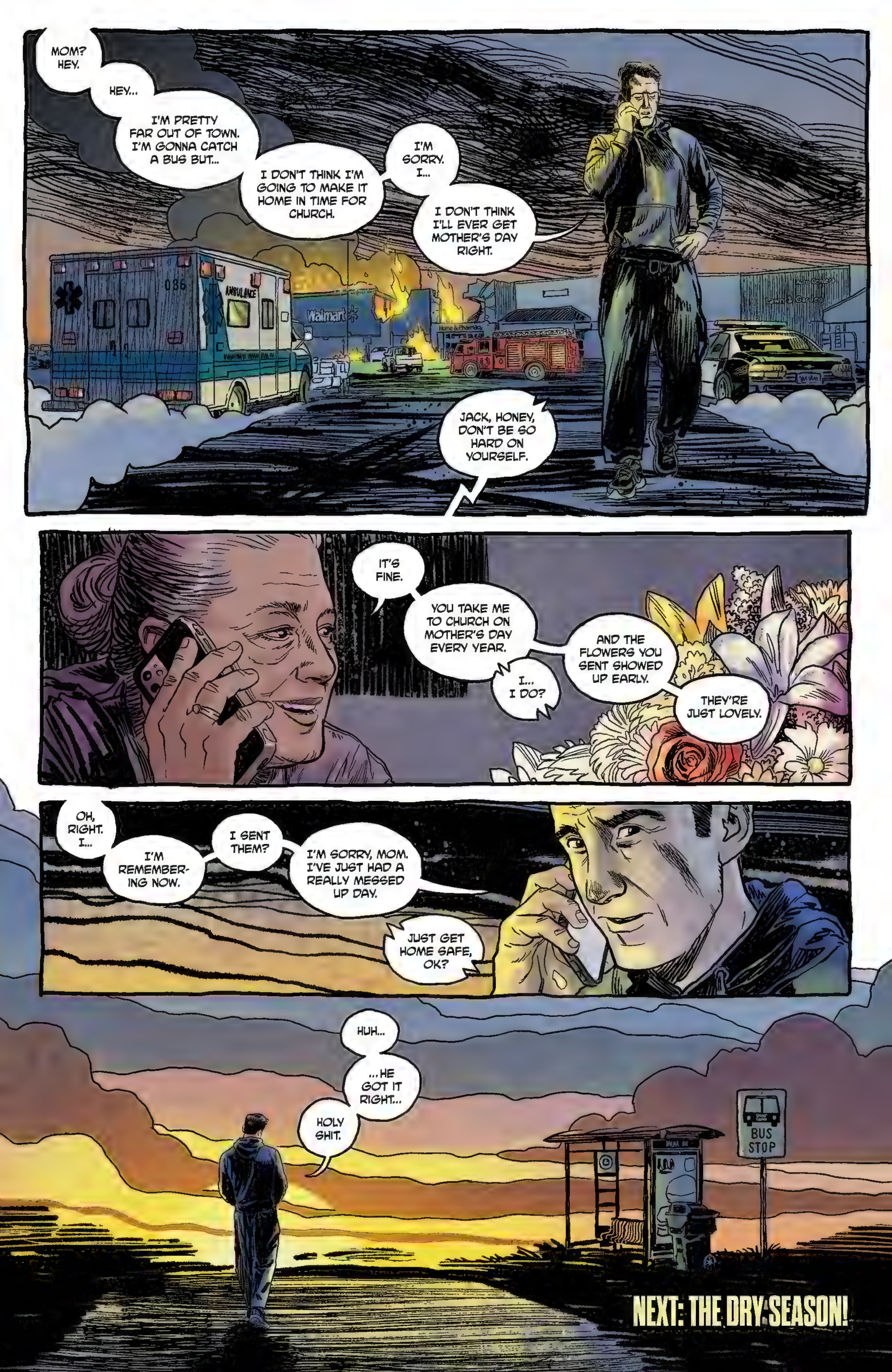
MOM? HEY.
HEY...
I'M PRETTY FAR OUT OF TOWN. I'M GONNA CATCH A BUS BUT...
I DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO MAKE IT HOME IN TIME FOR CHURCH.
I'M SORRY. I...
I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER GET MOTHER'S DAY RIGHT.
JACK, HONEY, DON'T BE SO HARD ON YOURSELF.
IT'S FINE.
YOU TAKE ME TO CHURCH ON MOTHER'S DAY EVERY YEAR.
I... I DO?
AND THE FLOWERS YOU SENT SHOWED UP EARLY.
THEY'RE JUST LOVELY.
OH, RIGHT. I...
I'M REMEMBERING NOW.
I SENT THEM?
I'M SORRY, MOM. I'VE JUST HAD A REALLY MESSED UP DAY.
JUST GET HOME SAFE, OK?
HUH...
...HE GOT IT RIGHT...
HOLY SHIT.
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THE WORLD IS ALREADY CRACKED AND FRAYED.
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LOS ANGELES.
AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, FANTOSIDE TEARING IT APART CAN ONLY BE AN IMPROVEMENT!
OR SHE COULD ANNIHILATE EVERYTHING, CROSSFIRE!
I'M SICK OF YOUR HEATHEN ZEN MALARKY!
THEN, I'M SORRY IT'S COME TO THIS, CAMO TERROR.
BECAUSE, MY FLAMES NEVER MISS!
FWOOSH
RAAGH!
I LOVE YOU, NEON MASQUE.
BUT DON'T THINK I WON'T BURN YOU DOWN TOO.
YOU'RE A DAMN FOOL, GARY!
THE TIME IS AT HAND...

IT ENDS.

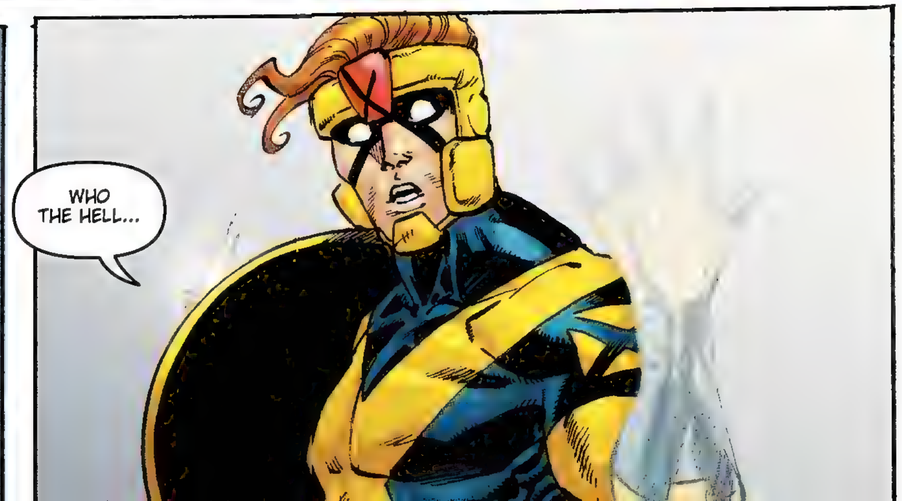
SHRRRRRRRRRpp

NO FUTURE.

ERICA!

DIANA!

NO FUTURE AT ALL.



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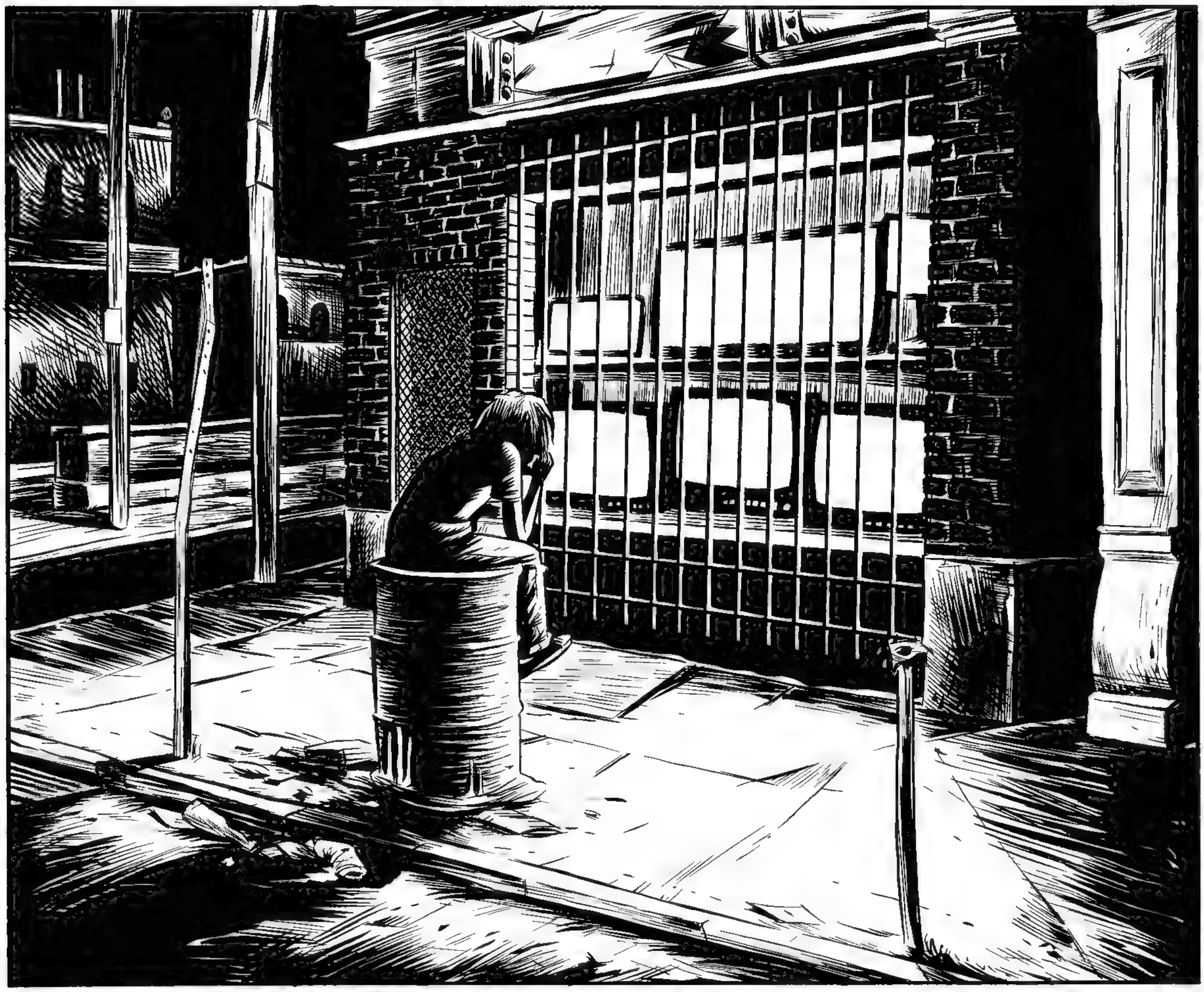

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KRAK

VRCH

GONG

RONG

CRONG

(gulp)
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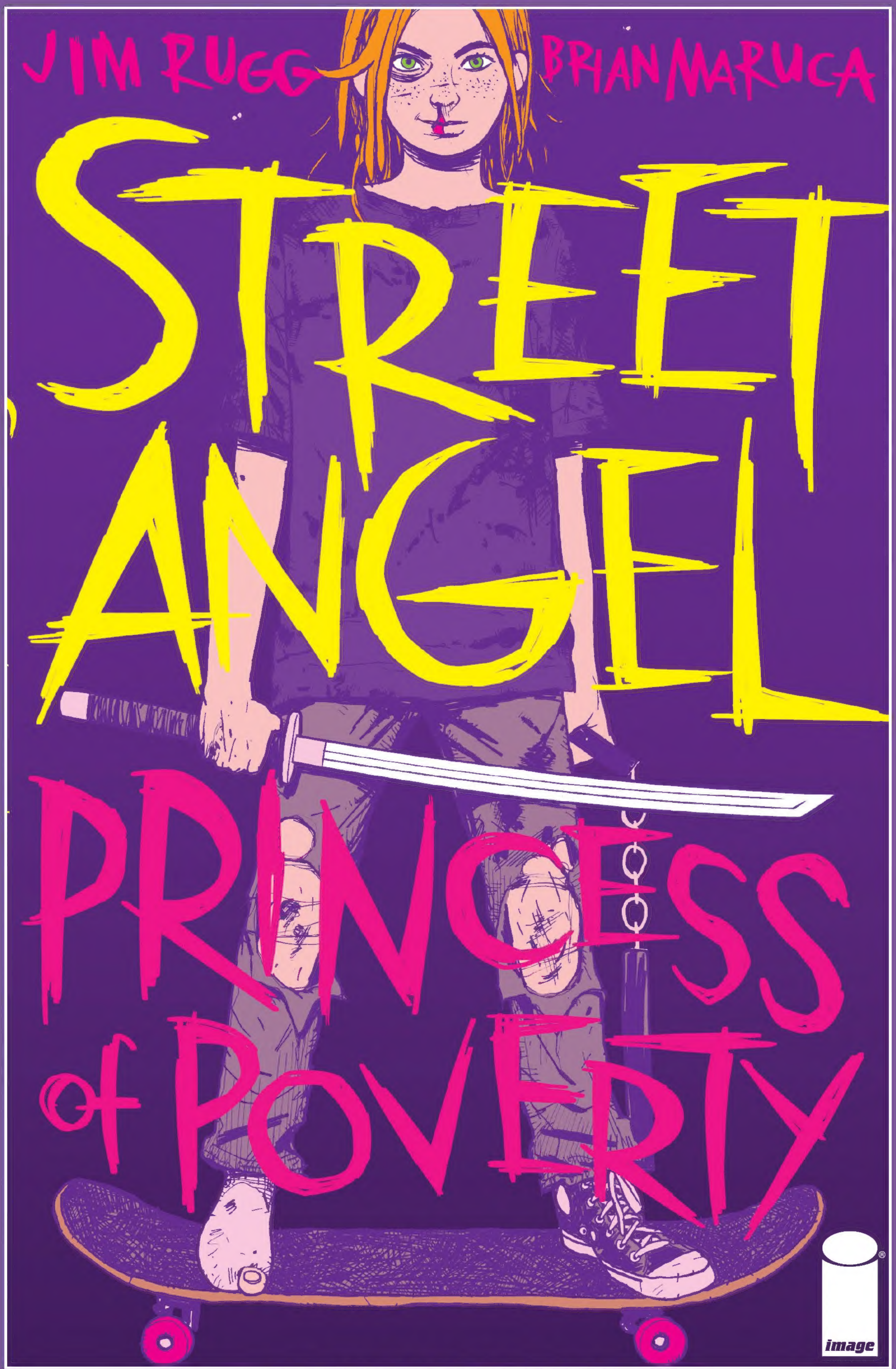

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